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WEBB STALLS FREEING C. S. BOYS

League to Ask Rome to Yank Troops in Spain

Refusal By Mussolini Would Open the French Frontier--Britain Also Sends Independent Warning to Italy

GENEVA—A sub-committee of the League of Nations decided here to present Premier Benito Mussolini with the flat alternative of withdrawing Italian troops from Spain or to take the consequences of the opening of the French frontier to arms and men for the Spanish People's Front government.

The draft of the resolution was reported to charge that "foreign intervention" was in progress in Spain instead of seconding Spain's flat charges of Italian aggression.

The committee's resolution, passage of which by the League Council as a whole is usually assured, would for all practical purposes put an end to the policy of "non-intervention" long pursued by the League and charged by democratic forces everywhere as being an assistance to the fascist aggressors. It would leave the Spanish government free to obtain war materials wherever possible.

A month was scheduled to be allowed before the ruling went into effect, and Mussolini was to be given that amount of time in which to withdraw his troops.

British, Soviet and French delegates supported the resolution, calling it a compromise which held the hope of accomplishing what the non-intervention policy was nominally intended to accomplish, namely, the withdrawal of intervening troops. It was opposed by delegates of Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, Portugal, South Africa and the Irish

MUSSOLINI'S MONUMENT



This gruesome picture of horror was taken in Ethiopia and is a sample of Mussolini's civilizing mission in that unhappy land. The son of the butcher responsible for such scenes, one who has himself received medals for slaughter of Ethiopian patriots, is now in California. No person with a conscience can remain at rest while Vittorio Mussolini remains on California soil.

In its Oct. 11th edition, the Western Worker will carry a full expose of fascist rule in Ethiopia and the first true account of the massacre in Addis Ababa, one of HISTORY'S MOST HORRIBLE BLOOD BATHS.

RED ARMY VICTORIOUS

200,000 Chinese Troops Led by Communists

SHANGHAI — After Chinese defense lines here had held intact in the face of the most powerful mechanized offensive Japan has yet launched in its undeclared war, the famed Eighth Route Army of the Chinese Communist Party smashed and routed a Japanese army on the northwest front in Shansi Province.

Defeat of the Japanese army in Shansi was reported to the central government by Chin Tang-hsien, one of the leaders of the Communist delegation at Nanking and former chairman of the Chinese Soviet government.

As the Communist-led army, which has long pursued the objective of taking the front line of defense against Japan, continued to throw its force of 200,000 into pursuit of the Japanese, the battle raged on in the Shanghai area.

Terrific 14-inch German Krupp siege guns had been added to the Japanese offensive weapons. Fleets of bombers and pursuit planes rained explosives on Chinese civilian areas and military headquarters, particularly in the Chaipei and Pootung districts.

"The Japanese can blast us forever, but they will never dislodge us this time," declared General Sun Yun-liang, who commands the Chaipei defense. "Burned twice, Chaipei has become one of the nation's greatest military shrines. We have found the Japanese infantriesmen poor fighters, and it seldom requires much effort to defeat them in hand to hand combat."

Stung by inability to pierce the Chinese lines, Japan continued its three-way offensive by land, naval and air forces.

FLASH!

Jerry Feingold, San Francisco's champion Western Worker builder, announced as we went to press that he had already raised \$100 in the drive for a daily paper. Jerry pledged to raise \$500, and this completes 20 per cent of his quota. Where are you other press builders?

CIO ASKS U. S. AID AS 'GOONS' BEAT WORKERS

Complaint Shows Hynes Cops Aid Hatchet-Men In L. A. Attacks

LOS ANGELES — Committee for Industrial Organization leaders demanded last Wednesday that U. S. Attorney General Homer Cummings take steps to curb the criminal activities of Teamster officials' 'goons' squads following the latest bloody attacks against CIO workers on Tuesday.

Six union members and one bystander were attacked by "goons" so that they required hospitalization. Two were seriously injured.

Police and deputy sheriffs watched the sluggings, declared CIO leaders, and when U. S. District Attorney Benjamin Harrison was appealed to for government protection of CIO workers, he "deplored" the violence.

"But," said Harrison, after 24 hours deliberation, "my hands are tied. I feel that matters of this kind are out of the jurisdiction of the federal government. I advise you to apply to the district attorney of Los Angeles County."

Inciting to Violence

Branding Harrison's inaction as equivalent to inciting violence, Secretary C. H. Jordan of the CIO Industrial Council, CIO Regional Director J. R. Robertson and a delegation of CIO members immediately demanded action by Attorney General Cummings.

Stating Harrison's refusal to investigate immediately into failure of local police to uphold the law was an "invitation to goon squads to continue slugging and beating workers in Los Angeles," the telegrams, signed by Robertson, were sent to Senator Wm. Gibbs McAdoo, Cummings, and Congressmen Byron Scott, Jerry Voorhis, Tom Ford, and others in Washington, D. C.

Robertson pointed out Harrison's stand was in direct opposition to the law and to the policy of the attorney general's office. He cited the recent similar case in Harlan, Ky., where the federal government appointed two special prosecutors.

Contact Roosevelt

Immediate steps were taken, said Robertson, to contact President Roosevelt in Seattle to assure proper consideration would be given the issue.

"President Roosevelt will be notified we have definite evidence of conspiracy against federal laws by local police," said Robertson.

Pacific Coast CIO Director Harry Bridges declared: "We are going ahead with all our power and will force federal authorities to take action against local police."

One of the assaults, in which three men were brutally beaten by over 100 "goons," was witnessed by Tom O'Connor, Evening News labor reporter, who identified the sluggers as Teamsters Union members.

Eye Witness

The beaten men were Eli Epstein and Joe Mandernack, organizer and secretary of the United Cracker, Bakery & Confectionery Workers, and Martin Rabinowitz, a bystander.

The "goons" swept down on Epstein and Mandernack as they emerged from a nut packing plant at 722 Market Court, after they had met with pack-

Byron Scott Will Address Meeting

LONG BEACH—Congressman Byron Scott, one of the leaders of the progressive bloc in the national congress, will speak as a guest of the International Labor Defense at its first open meeting here Monday, Oct. 4, at Fraternal Hall, Elm and Anaheim Streets.

Attorney George Shibley and other prominent citizens will also speak at the gathering, which will be attended by a large body of Long Beach liberals.

Realty Steal Laid To Fleishhacker

Slipped \$8,125 Into Own Pockets in Market Street Sales

By HARRY BARTON

Herbert Fleishhacker is charged in a suit pending in Judge Roche's court, San Francisco, of retaining \$8,125 as a "secret commission" on the sale of valuable Market Street property.

He is charged with selling this property for \$15,000 more than he told his clients and retaining 5 per cent of the total sale price of \$165,000 unknown to the people who had placed full trust in him as their agent.

He informed the representative of the Lazard and Cahn families of Paris, that a sale of property owned by them had brought a price of \$150,000. Later he "confessed" that the property had brought a "little more," and deposited to their account \$151,469.34.

Although this deal occurred in 1925, not until 1934, when other shady deals of Fleishhacker were being investigated was the actual sale price brought to light.

Fleishhacker Trusted

Early in 1925 Fleishhacker cabled the business representative of the Cahns and Lazards in Paris that there were buyers in the Market Street property owned by the two families. He said that he had a bid on the property for \$125,000. He asked if this price was acceptable to them. They cabled back that they were willing to take his advice on the sale.

The bank cabled the Cahns and Lazards on July 17, 1925, that the property had been sold for \$150,000. A few days later Fleishhacker sent them a written confirmation of the sale at the stated price.

Two months later Fleishhacker informed them of the slightly higher price.

Accusation Made

Plaintiffs charge that they can prove that Fleishhacker received \$5,000 July 20, 1925, as payment on account of purchase price of \$165,000.

The defense, as prepared by John Francis Neylan, states, "The defendant, Fleishhacker, was able to and did, in fact, persuade the purchasers of said property to pay the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)." — by July 23, 1925.

Mr. Fleishhacker was able to talk up the price \$15,000 after an agreement had been made on the price of \$150,000.

The plaintiffs charge that they were never informed of the true sale price and there never had been any agreement with Fleishhacker that would permit him to take extra commissions.

AFL TO FACE UNITY ISSUE

Progressives Push Fight On Union Splitters

DENVER—Far from surrendering the fight against the labor splitting AFL executive council and for uniting the ranks of labor, progressive delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention opening here Monday, October 4, are rallying their forces behind a resolution introduced by the Seattle Metal Trades Council.

This resolution, with an identical one recently adopted by the Utah State Federation of Labor, calls for a convention of all AFL CIO and railroad unions to work out the basic program for one united labor movement in the United States.

Hutcheson Asks Split

Reactionary forces were likewise marshalling behind William D. Hutcheson, Carpenters president and labor "front" for the Republican Party last year, who is demanding expulsion of the suspended CIO international unions. Conservative but cautious AFL top leaders were reported doubtful about expulsion.

AFL Secretary Frank Morrison announced the federation's membership at 3,271,726—about a half million less members than the Committee for Industrial Organization has. Still Morrison predicted the CIO would vanish and be "only a memory" in his lifetime!

For CIO Reinstatement

General Executive Secretary Marx Lewis, of the United Hat, Cap & Millinery Workers, announced this union's delegates would call for reinstatement of CIO unions, support of CIO organizational drives and election of a committee to confer with the CIO on unity.

(See Page 4 for editorial, Page 8 for article on labor unity by Wm. Z. Foster.)

Flaherty Boys From Spain To Reach Bay Area Monday

The three fighting Flaherty Brothers, home from the Spanish front of world democracy after having been wounded in battle, were scheduled to arrive Monday, Oct. 4 in the San Francisco Bay area.

On a nation-wide tour that has attracted mass response wherever they appeared, the three have been speaking to big meetings in Seattle, Tacoma, and Portland.

Three meetings and a radio address are scheduled in the Bay Area before the three proceed to Los Angeles. They will be greeted there by a public reception at the station and will address another mass meeting in Philharmonic Auditorium.

Radio Talk

The boys will reach San Francisco in time to give a radio talk Monday, Oct. 4, from 5 to 5:15 p.m. over Station KGGC, announced Lona Wells, secretary of the Northern California organization of the Friends of the Lincoln Battalion.

The same evening, at 6:30 p.m., they will be guests of honor at a banquet at the Maison Paul, 1214 Market Street, sharing the speakers' table with such notables as Kathleen Norris and Charles G. Norris who are members of a distinguished list of sponsors. Professor Holland D. Roberts of Stanford University will be chairman. Frederick Thompson, whose son is fighting in Spain, will be the only other speaker.

On Wednesday night, Oct. 7, the three will speak at their major bay area mass meeting organized jointly by the Friends of the Lincoln Battalion and the Irish-American Educational League, at Irish-American Hall, 454 Valencia Street.

Jerry Callahan, popular young president of the Filling Station Employees' Union, will preside. He will be introduced by George R. Anderson, outstanding labor attorney. Speakers in addition to the Flahertys will be Leila Leitner, author and lecturer just returned from Spain; Fred Allen, representative of the Fish Reduction Workers' Union which lost three of its members in

3 in San Quentin Welcome Decision Upholding Appeal

Immediate Release Is Up to Webb As Court Invokes Red Tape to Keep Men Held Innocent Behind Bars

By AL RICHMOND

I saw three men behind San Quentin's walls—three men, legally free, yet actually behind the prison bars while "the wheels of justice" move with tortuous slowness in swinging open the gates.

Three men whom a court had just told:



PAT CHAMBERS

MANY OPPOSE SUBWAY BONDS

Big Interests Must Pay Cost Says Anita Whitney

SAN FRANCISCO — "Defeat the subway bonds as they are put before the voters on the November 2nd ballot, but do not forget that San Francisco needs and must have a subway for modern rapid transit."

So declared Anita Whitney, Communist candidate for supervisor, on being informed of a long list of organizations who are attacking the proposed bond issue but at the same time opposing the construction of a subway under any conditions.

Already aligned against the 49 million dollar bond issue are the following organizations, sponsoring a joint campaign: Civic League of Improvement Clubs, Building Owners' and Managers' Association, Apartment House Owners' and Managers' Association, Apartment House Owners' and Lessees' Association, Realty Board, Mission Merchants Association, Fillmore Merchants' and Improvement Association, Marina Home Owners' Association and Central Council of Civic Clubs.

The Carmen's Union, Division 1004, is campaigning separately against the bonds.

"We Communists agree with these organizations when they oppose the raising of taxes," said Anita Whitney. "But they argue against the subway because of the temporary inconvenience of torn-up streets and other such objections. And they say nothing of exempting small homes from taxation and placing the cost on those who can pay."

"Far from being useless as they argue, a subway would be a basic step toward solving our rapid transit problem. But it would pay cash dividends to the big downtown mercantile interests and it would pay cash dividends to the banks who want to buy the bonds."

"They and not the people who will have to pay millions in fares must finance the subway. This is why we are against the bond issue. This is why we urge a NO vote on November 2. But at the same time we demand a financing plan to give San Francisco a subway."

Although declared innocent by a District Court of Appeals, three Criminal Syndicalism prisoners are faced with another three weeks of slow torture in San Quentin.

This was disclosed Thursday when George Anderson, International Labor Defense attorney representing the prisoners, went to Sacramento and asked the Court to order the immediate release of the men. He was told that "the law would have to take its course."

This means the men will have to remain in prison 22 days from the day of the decision, the time allowed Attorney General U. S. Webb to file appeal with a higher court. Webb has the authority to grant the three immediate freedom.

The I.L.D. made efforts to contact him, but as the Western Worker went to press was still unable to obtain a definite answer. A request was made that all unions and organizations wire Webb, asking immediate freedom for the Sacramento boys.

Those in San Quentin are Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson and Jack Crane. Others out on parole or having served their time are Caroline Decker, Nora Conklin, Albert Hougardy and Lorine Norman.

Their two-and-a-half-year-old verdict of guilty on charges of conspiracy to commit Criminal Syndicalism was reversed by the Appeals Court in Sacramento on Tuesday. The court ruled that the dropping of other indictments, supported by the self-same evidence, negated the verdict on the indictment that stuck. The court further recommended the release of the prisoners, commenting that no good purpose would be served by a retrial.

Red Tape Delays Freedom for Three

Appeals, was mirrored there in the faces of Pat Chambers, Jack Crane and Martin Wilson, last of the original victims still in prison.

Two Men—One Thought

Chambers and Crane, the two prisoners I was able to converse with on Wednesday, day after the court ruling, both had one thought.

"I'm glad this damned vacation is over. I have been storing up energy for two and a (Continued on Page 6, Col. 4)

Anita Whitney to Speak: Tune in on Monday, 5:45 p. m.

Tune in, San Francisco! Anita Whitney, Communist Party candidate for supervisor, will speak over KGO Monday, Oct. 5, from 5:45 to 6 p. m., on the Party platform in the Nov. 2 municipal election.

She is the Party's sole candidate in the election, carrying on a campaign for unity with all progressive forces.

Tune in!

Progressives Call Unity Conference for 1938 Election

PROGRAM TO BE PLANNED OCT. 16-17

Fresno Meet to Lay Basis For Federating Liberal California Forces

LOS ANGELES—A statewide meeting of progressive forces in California will be held in Fresno, October 16 and 17, under the sponsorship of a group which is identified as "a coalition of liberal labor and farmer forces working within their own parties."

The meeting is called to work out a program of unity for progressives, rather than to consider candidates, although the sponsors declare: "Progressives throughout the United States consider the coming elections in California vitally important. California must take its place with such states as Washington and Wisconsin."

Sponsors have gathered in both northern and southern California to plan the uniting movement, with provisional offices in Room 416, American Bank Building, Los Angeles, in care of William J. Plunkett, 1950 Jones Street, San Francisco.

The sponsors include: Northern: Dr. Thomas Addis, Dr. George P. Adams, Dr. Philip King Brown, Rev. Dillon W. Throckmorton, Prof. Benjamin E. Mallory, Rabbi Saul White, Dr. Caroline Coffin, George Irvine, Gene Gallie, Ben Thompson, John D. Barry, Dr. C. E. Foster, George West, Sol Silverman, Mrs. Henry Erdman, William J. Plunkett, Col. Charles Erskine Scott Wood, Margaret Hayes, Helen Lawson, A. F. Gaylor, Pat Lydon, Ellis Patterson, Peverly Meigs 3rd, Wilford Howard, Claudia Williams, Joseph Bredsten, Victor Wagner.

Southern: Dr. George Manifold, Dorothy Wynn Smith, Ben Rosenthal, Paul Kiehn, Judge Robert K. Kenny, Rubie Borough, Oliver Thornton, Ernest Dawson, Jack Tenney, Augustus Hawkins, Dr. Floyd J. Seaman, Carey McWilliams, Oliver Carlson, Ellenore Bogigian, John Packard, Michael Rudolph, Rose Segure, Frank Scully, Floyd Covington, A. A. Heist, C. H. Jordan, Lee Geyer, Hugh Williams, Hugh Campbell, J. R. Robertson, Charles Powers, Herb Sorel.

BENSON DEPLORES HATRED OF RACES

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Gov. Elmer A. Benson spoke out in ringing tones against intolerance against racial and religious groups and national minorities. The Governors' statement appeared in a letter of greeting which he sent to the World Congress Against Racism and Anti-Semitism held in Paris. He said in part:

"Red-baiting, anti-Semitism and Negro discrimination are false issues. They are aimed to destroy the opponent, not the opponent's argument. They turn attention away from the problems themselves and throw the debate into angry confusion.

"These false issues also accomplish another evil end. They divide the people, one against the other, along false lines. If you can get the white to fear the Negro, the Christian to hate the Jew, the farmer to distrust the city worker, the city people to disregard the farmers, then, of course, all these peoples are likely to find it impossible to unite together to fight for political liberties and to work out programs for their economic welfare."

Hearst Scandal Stories Inspire Boy to Nudity

LOS ANGELES—Fantastic sex stories splashed over front pages of Hearst papers of a supposed naked Negro who terrorizes women had borne fruit here this week when Mrs. Daisy Morrison reported that her purse was snatched by a 13 year old boy clad only in a pair of shorts.

Using the same tactics as those described in the scandal sheets, the youth is reported to have leaped out of a clump of bushes, snatched Mrs. Morrison's purse and fled.

FORMER EPIC OUT AGAINST M'ADOO; URGE LABOR TO UNITE FOR POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

LOS ANGELES—"The ranks of labor should band together to pass control of the party to those who sincerely desire a new order," declared Patrick J. Cooney, Los Angeles attorney, as he announced his candidacy as the first definite opponent against U. S. Senator McAdoo in his attempt for re-election.

Roundly denouncing the Neh-

Los Angeles 'Finest' Cops Caught, Jailed, As Thieves

Six Fall Into Trap Set to Catch Them in Common Practice of Robbing Drunks; 4 Arrested, 2 More Suspended

By J. T. STEWARD

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 26.—Oh, strange, oh, cruel and unhappy fate. Four of Police Chief Davis' "finest" were in the clink charged with grand theft and two others, both sergeants, were suspended here early this week after they were said to have been caught "dead to rights" robbing what they thought were drunks.

The arrests and suspensions climaxed an investigation, belated by years, of scores of complaints that police had "rolled" drunken persons for sums totaling thousands of dollars.

Apprehended by superiors through the use of decoys, the jailed men are Daniel S. Ryan, Dean Wood, Adolphus Baldwin and James McCarthy, close acquaintance of Chief Davis and formerly his personal driver. Those suspended are Sergeants Roy L. Wallace and Raymond Glanville. All are attached to the Lincoln Heights division.

A Common Practice The Country Over

Methods used to perpetrate the robberies, according to reports of investigators, are as crude as they are common, and are similar to those used by police the country over. Police finding a person in a drunken stupor simply pick his pockets and, most often, throw him into jail. Sometimes, if there are no witnesses, the victim is not arrested, but left lying in the street after he has been robbed, as is charged in one of the cases recorded here.

On frequent occasions they administered a savage beating if there is doubt about the depth of the victim's stupor, according to those versed with disinterested police tactics. It is significant

that widespread rumors throughout the city link often-reported accounts of prisoners being beaten into unconsciousness and even death to efforts of police to hide such crimes.

Trap Set By Deputy Police Chief

In connection with the sensational charges in the particular cases involved here, three elaborate traps, said to have been perfected by Deputy Police Chief Seager, were set to snare the jailed and suspended men. Police Chief Davis was out of town, from where he made no comment.

Three student police, whose names are withheld for fear of reprisals, it is said, were assigned to act as decoys. Dressed in plain clothes, reeking of alcohol, they were supplied with marked money and staked out at different points, simulating drunkenness.

Three teams of police officials accompanied the "bait." They were Inspector Charles Rudolph Jr. and Detective Lieut. C. M. Neese, Inspector Anthony Collins and Detective Lieut. Ira Justin; and Captain Bandle and Sergeant R. W. Bowling.

Decoy Stretched Out On Sidewalk

The recruit with Bandle and Bowling was stretched out on the sidewalk at Riverside Drive

and Alessandro street, feigning insensibility. A police car drove up and McCarthy and Ryan leaped out, searched the "drunk" and sped away—with the \$15, according to Deputy Chief Seager.

In the trap set for Glanville and Wood, the setting was similar. This time the decoy was taken to Lincoln Heights jail, booked and robbed. The marked money was found on Wood, according to Seager.

Two of Those Implicated Not Held On Charges

Glanville and Wallace, although deeply implicated, were released without charges being filed against them when they declared they had no knowledge of their partners' alleged thievery. However, it is expected grand theft charges will be placed against them following the pending investigation.

All the men involved, except Ryan, have been members of the local police force for ten years or more. And all have testified in court innumerable times against persons they are likely to become better acquainted with in the event they are convicted.

U. S. ATTITUDE ON JAPAN CHANGEABLE, HULL TELLS WOOLF

SAN FRANCISCO—America's policy in the China-Japan situation is "subject to rapid change," Secretary of State Cordell Hull told President George Woolf of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union in a letter received here.

Hull replied to the resolution of the union opposing the neutrality policy and scoring the action of Japan. In reply, Hull said in part:

"The views and recommendations in this resolution have been noted and have received careful consideration. The administration is giving thoughtful attention to every phase of the Far East situation toward making effective the policies, especially the policy of peace, in which this country believes and to which it is committed. As the situation in the Far East is subject to rapid change, the Government is of necessity proceeding on what might be termed a day to day basis and it is, of course, impracticable to predict whether or not at what time application of the Neutrality Act may become necessary."

Oleta O'Connor is C. P. Chairman in San Francisco Co.

SAN FRANCISCO — Oleta O'Connor, M. A., University of California, and descendant of a pioneer California family, was elected chairman of the San Francisco county committee of the Communist Party in elections held this week.

Vernon Healy, candidate for Congress in the last national elections and prominent in trade union circles as a member of Pile Drivers Union, Local 34, was elected county treasurer.

Frank Spector, labor leader in the Imperial Valley strikes, was re-elected county secretary. Rudie Lambert, trade union leader and World War Veteran, was chosen for the assistant secretary position.

Other member of the executive board elected were: Al Ward, "Pat" Patton, John Perry, Lillian Dinkin, Richard Martin and John Pittman.

Write-in What You Think to The "Western" Editor!

Insurance Agents

NEW YORK—As the drive to organize the insurance field reached the point where Industrial Insurance Agents Union Local 30 of the United Office & Professional Workers claimed a majority of New York City industrial agents, the union received a message of congratulation from CIO Chairman John L. Lewis.

Lett-McAdoo machine, Cooney charged "there is no real Democratic leadership in California."

Lack of such leadership impels me to run," he said.

Cooney was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Attorney-General in 1934. He said he founded the first Roosevelt-for-President Club in 1930.

Water District's Labor Policy Hit

L. A. Lobby Demands Aqueduct Heads Bargain With Banning Strikers

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles County Council of the California People's Legislative Conference struck sharply at the Metropolitan Water District boards refusal to bargain collectively with strikers on the Banning conduit project this week.

The Council charged Water Board officials with "autocratic" procedure in refusing to enter a written agreement with the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, which union represents the majority of the water district employees.

The Council likewise condemned the water board's use of armed thugs and gangsters in the current controversy and demanded that needy Banning strikers be granted relief.

Declared Jules Kievits, executive secretary of the Council, "Speaking of dictatorship, it is a perfect set-up for the employer when the bread and shelter of his striking employees depend upon the word of one employer-controlled relief official."

The Council likewise entered the housing fight by voicing a protest against high rents, and urged the Los Angeles City Council to provide sufficient funds for a low-cost housing survey.

Leo Pierson, president of the Painters' District Council, was elected chairman of the PLC Council; Maxwell Greensied, national representative of the United Electrical & Radio Workers of America, was named vice-chairman. Mr. Kievits was elected executive secretary and Robert A. White, treasurer. Temporary headquarters have been established at 426 Mt. Washington Drive.

Urge Joint Political Actions

"Only through joint non-partisan political action of all labor unions and other progressive groups, united wholeheartedly upon a basic program for the benefit of workers, farmers, professionals, consumers and small business men can we assure the passage of legislation for their benefit," Kievits declared. "Inasmuch as non-partisan political unity of labor and all progressive groups is the sole purpose of the CPLC, we urge every sincere unionist and members of all other groups to see that their organizations send delegates to and affiliate with the county council of the Conference."

Resale Price Bill Is Called Robbery

NEW YORK—The Miller-Tydings resale price maintenance bill will raise the price of many products, rob hard-pressed consumers of millions of dollars and guarantee profits to already prosperous manufacturers, the Consumers' Union Research Reports states in its current issue.

The bill was tacked as a rider to the District of Columbia tax bill, passed by Congress and signed by the President under protest.

OFFICE UNION ACTIVITY

SAN FRANCISCO—The former Bank, Insurance and Office Employees Union has changed its name to United Office and Professional Workers of America, Local 34, with headquarters at 617 Market St., EXbrook 8504.

M. L. THOMAS BACKS DOWN UNDER ATTACK

Anti-Nazi League Forces Resignation From 150th Anniversary Body

LOS ANGELES—Chalking up another victory for the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League, Martin Luther Thomas, pastor of The Metropolitan Federated Church, otherwise known as The Church by Life's Highway, resigned last week from the Governor Merriam appointed Commission of 65 for the celebration of the 150th birthday of the Constitution of the United States.

Thomas' resignation followed a strongly worded telegram from the League to the governor demanding that he be removed because "he has violated all the principles on which the Constitution is based."

Merriam Does Nothing

The governor replied that he would do nothing toward removal of Thomas. Thomas message to Governor Merriam states: "I am convinced that you feel my fervent support of you might embarrass you with radicals whom you have been and are now courting for support. For three years we have waited in this state for some word from you to encourage the Christians and patriots, farmers, laborers and artisans in their desperate struggle against invading enemies the CIO and radicalism, but no word has come from you." This clearly indicates that the Governor felt impelled to demand his resignation.

Following is the telegram sent to Governor Merriam by the Anti Nazi League:

"The Anti Nazi League, representing thousands of Members, vehemently protests appointment of Martin Luther Thomas to the Commission for the celebration of Constitution Day.

"Martin Luther Thomas through his radio speeches and at his meetings has violated all principles upon which the constitution is based, having attacked religious and racial groups, rights of labor to organize and freedom of speech.

"His admiration for Hitler and Mussolini and his efforts to follow in their footsteps makes his presence on that commission an insult to the people of America. We demand that this shocking error be corrected and await reply as to what action is being taken."

The Hollywood Anti Nazi League has a membership of 4000. Among its members are such screen celebrities as Paul Muni, Gloria Stuart, Eddie Cantor, Sylvia Sydney, Frederick March, and others.

Thomas in his speech before the Friday Morning Club where he announced his resignation, chided Merriam for failing to give support to the "forces that are fighting with their backs to the wall to save California, such forces as the Growers Association, the Christians, the AFL."

SAN FRANCISCO — Labor campaign headquarters against the subway bonds on the November 2 ballot were opened this week under the auspices of Carmichael Union Division 1004 in Room 325 of the Marshall Square Building.

All labor unions opposing the rapid transit bonds were invited to join the campaign by Robert Scott, chairman and S. W. Douglas, secretary of the campaign committee.

According to Scott, Labor's side of the rapid transit fight will be presented in an intensive radio campaign for the duration of the campaign. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Carmichael Union will carry on a telephone campaign against the bonds.

Action to enter the campaign was taken at a recent meeting of the Carmichael Union when funds were voted by the membership to carry on the fight.

Members of the campaign committee are L. N. Bulatoff, Charles Blakeley, P. Z. Hays, F. B. Howe, W. A. Northway, W. C. Pennington, George Schmidt, E. E. Willson, J. L. Wilson, W. R. Wyatt and D. C. Wagers.

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Two Box-Office Attractions Meet



SECRETARY of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., meets Shirley Temple on the veranda of a Honolulu hotel, where both are vacationing. Both Henry and Shirley are box-office wows, judging from the amount of gold they both take in.

San Fernando on The Way in Drive

To: W. W., 121 Haight St.
Re: W. W. Drive Campaign.
Comrades:

The Western Worker Financial Drive is under way in the San Fernando Section, with more enthusiasm and organization than we have ever experienced in the history of the Party in this section.

In the last subscription drive, three comrades wrote up 65 per cent of the subs in the Section. 71 comrades wrote the other 15 per cent. This was a signal, showing that infinitely more

A model Section of the Party gets down to work, setting an example to prove that it is serious about wanting the Western Worker to become a Daily on January first. San Fernando Section is one of the mainstays of Los Angeles County's drive, and is not leaving any stone unturned.

could be done with all hands actively doing it.

The Section Organizer and W. W. Drive Director sat down and worked out a plan, based on old ideas with a new approach, and then also how to get this to the membership.

This is What We Planned to Do

First we began by having short discussions in organizers' meetings on the coming Daily Western Worker. Then we announced at the next meeting we would devote an hour and a half to organizing the drive. Every unit organized agreed to bring a list of every person he knew who was sympathetic to the party and also all the membership lists of mass organizations that he could obtain. At this meeting we laid the whole plan before the organizers.

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Limits of the Past Don't Count Now

We felt that the comrades should first suggest a probable amount for a Section quota before we went in to the survey. The past experiences of the Section in raising money of course was used in making the suggested quota of \$75. We didn't get alarmed at this, but went immediately into the survey. Each organizer was discussed with his contacts and all the other above mentioned things the probable amounts expected from his contacts and then he accepted a tentative quota. Also every member of his Unit was discussed and their contacts and suggested amounts were set for them so he would have something to guide him when this was taken up in the Unit.

At the end of this organizers' meeting we asked if the \$75 was too small. There was a majority opinion that it could be raised to \$250 or \$300, but the figures when announced amounted to \$600.

This was such a surprise that doubt immediately arose that perhaps we were over-estimating our contacts, but also that a determined effort would be made to approach some of their contacts and use this as a yard stick to measure the success of our plan.

At the next organizers' meeting there was a decidedly differ-

IF UNITY IS SOUGHT, WHAT HOLDS IT UP?

Three Committees Work Separately Against S.F. Picket Law

By TOM PATTERSON

A voice has spoken out that certain forces of the San Francisco Labor Council want to unite all labor in the coming city election.

One B. W. Horne of the News, known to have considerable access to the thoughts of politicians, thus quotes an unnamed official of the Council:

"We're afraid if the usual AFL delegates met and endorsed a slate that the CIO would get together and pick a rival ticket."

Personally I favored a Union Party convention from both organizations, but that was considered impractical in view of the present waterfront trouble. "Some of the fellows also felt there wasn't time enough."

What Prevents It?

On the other hand, it would certainly seem that the CIO unions have given no reason what soever to justify such a fear. Quite the contrary. Nor is it too late even at this date to hold a conference of all labor on the city elections.

There is an obvious way to begin.

The Labor Council has set up a committee against the proposed new anti-picketing ordinance. So has the Industrial Council. So has the Honest Government Committee, which has many delegates from both CIO and AFL unions.

Who is there to say that these three bodies, each with separate committees to perform the same specific task, should not get together?

What is the incentive to get together? Merely this: that all experience has shown that three such bodies cannot produce about ten times the results.

Could Go Further

There is another step that could follow just as logically, and may follow unofficially if not formally. The Honest Government Committee, consisting of a good slice of AFL as well as CIO representation, has already endorsed two candidates for supervisor and will endorse a full slate.

Before doing so, it has taken the precautions not only to secure pledges of support for labor and civil rights from prospective candidates, but to examine their records to see how much their word is worth. Supervisors McSherry and Attorney George R. Anderson are the nominees thus far. Others are under consideration. The slate will be filled, and it will be put before labor as worthy of serving as another vehicle for unity.

There is little question that it will command a wide support. Much to Gain

In short, the Labor Council leaders can help to unite labor politically by standing together with the CIO unions and other progressives on this slate. By silence and evasion, they cannot altogether prevent unity, but they can tremendously weaken it and further isolate themselves in the bargain.

Anita Whitney, candidate of the Communist Party, will speak over KGO Tuesday, Oct. 5, from 5:45 to 6 p. m. The branches of the Party are taking the campaign to the neighborhoods.

Woodworker's Council

NEW YORK — Lumberyard Workers Union Local 105, first local chartered by the newly organized Intl. Woodworkers of America (CIO), east of Michigan, is calling for the formation of a woodworkers' council in Greater New York. The aim would be to coordinate union activities among lumber handlers and woodworkers, AFL or CIO, and push organization among 25,000 workers, less than half of them organized.

WASHINGTON PENSION UNION WINS \$30 MONTHLY MINIMUM FOR OLD AGE BENEFITS

SEATTLE — Payment of a \$30 minimum monthly pension to old age assistance recipients without resources was announced this week to a committee of the Washington Old Age Pension Union by Charles F. Ernst, state social security administrator.

The announcement was regarded by the Pension Union, collective bargaining agency recently organized with the help of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, as

a major victory in its campaign to secure adequate pension payments for the state's aged under the terms of the 1937 old age assistance law, which provides for a \$30 minimum. Many pensioners, totally without resources, have been receiving but \$22.50 monthly.

Ernst's action followed the preparation by the Pension Union of test cases involving three pension recipients of the lower amount.

England and France Threaten to Open French Frontier

PUT PRESSURE ON MUSSOLINI SPAIN TROOPS

Action Planned on Duce's Refusal to Consider Withdrawal

LONDON—Joint British and French frontier for the entrance of volunteers and war material to Loyalist Spain was reported here to be definitely agreed upon by the British cabinet unless Premier Mussolini backs down on his refusal to discuss withdrawal of Italian soldiers from Spain.

The cabinet was reported drawing up a note to be sent by France and England to Mussolini on his return to Rome, suggesting a conference to consider the problem of "foreign volunteers" in Spain.

At the same time it was said that diplomats of both France and England would inform the dictator that the alternative would be the opening of the frontier.

The action was taken at the conclusion of Mussolini's demonstrative meeting with Hitler and his tour of Germany, in which the two fascist leaders issued a refusal to consider the withdrawal of troops.

Answer to Rome-Berlin. It was considered an effective answer to the protestations of peaceful intentions made by the two in the final mass meeting of the Mussolini visit.

Speaking over the roar of cannons, Hitler called the meeting a "manifestation of peace" and renewed the effort to assure capitalist democracies that the force of fascism is directed only at the Soviet Union.

Outlining no particulars of their pacific gestures, the two offered "collaboration" with all nations except the Soviet Union.

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Affairs for the Daily "Western"

San Francisco

W. Sat., Oct. 2, 8 p. m., at 141 Alhambra St. Loads of fun. Latest model entertainment. Something new. Aspects of 23rd A. D.

Halloween night party Saturday, Oct. 30, by YCL, 121 Haight street.

Grand October Revolution Celebration, Sat., Nov. 6, Dreamland Aud. Clarence Hathaway, editor Daily Worker, main speaker.

Donkey Party and Dance, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 8 p. m., 121 Haight St. By S. F. Industrial Section.

Three days Grand Fiesta, Dec. 21, 1937, Jan. 1, 1938, by S. F. County Committee.

Los Angeles

Whoopee! Keep this date open, Oct. 3, Press Fair and Carnival, Verdugo Country Club.

East Bay

Trade Union Party, benefit Daily Western Worker, Saturday, Oct. 9, 8 p. m., Fernin Hall, 538 24th St., between Grove and Telegraph, Oakland.

Other Affairs

San Francisco

DANCING—WITH FOOD, ETC., Sat. night, Oct. 2, 715 Ashbury St. Fillmore Aces. Adm. 15c.

Mass meeting, fighting Flaherty Brothers, Lincoln Brigade, Wed., Oct. 6, Irish-American Hall, 458 Valencia St. Ausp. Friends of Lincoln Brigade.

Congress Dances Oct. 16, Yosemite Hall, 110 Page St. Adm., 49c. Am. League Against War and Fascism.

Los Angeles

Mass meeting at the Philharmonie Auditorium, Wed., 8:30 p. m., Oct. 13th. The three fighting Flaherty Brothers. Ausp. Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion. Tickets sale at 333 West Second St., Room 616, phone MI. 7926.

East Bay

Mass meeting, celebration 20th anniversary, Russian Revolution, Sneider, Clarence Hathaway, Editor Daily Worker of New York, Civic Auditorium, November 5th 8 p. m.

They Know The Meaning of Unity



CLOSE-UP of a group of Lincoln Brigadiers, composed of volunteers from every section of the United States.

Diary of an American in Spain

Western Press Card Keeps Me a Soldier

By ADDISON KEELER

Spain, August 5, 1937. I must still write you in long hand, as my typewriter has not yet arrived. And when it does show up I'll probably hand it over to Battalion headquarters, as good machines are scarce here and I will have little time to use it myself.

I'm finding it more and more difficult to write regularly as I have several duties in addition to the military which must be done. However I'll get you off at least one letter or article each week. Perhaps this material I am sending dealing with my training isn't so very interesting, but as an introduction to letters from the front it may be interesting to some readers who would like a fairly complete account of the life of a soldier in the International Brigade.

I have no idea how long these letters will be held up by the censor, nor how much material will be deleted.

By the way, the press card you sent me in New York stood me in good stead in at least one incident when it looked as if I weren't to go to the front after all. Here is the story.

Ordered to HQ

About ten days ago as I was preparing to go on guard duty an order arrived for me to pack all my gear and proceed immediately to General Headquarters. I hastily crumpled blankets and belongings into my knapsack and caught a ride into the city with the company doctor. It looked ominously like a transfer—and so it proved. In my questionnaire I had been foolish enough to confess to a knowledge of French and G. H. wanted to make a clerk out of me. For an hour I argued with the comrade in charge of the personnel department and at last they took me before a French officer for orders.

An Inspiration

Just as I entered the office—an inspiration! I dragged my Western Worker press card and in the most fluent French could muster, explained to the officer that I had been commissioned by the Western to write a series of articles on the life of a soldier in the International Brigade, and how in hell could I do this job if I were put to work pounding a typewriter at G. H.'s?

There followed a brief confab

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Los Angeles

Musicians attention: Tuxedo for sale. Cost \$55 new, worn only three times. Sell for \$15. Chest 33, waist 29. Proceeds for W. W. drive. 525 S. Central Ave., Glendale.

Spain, August 5, 1937. "C'est un cas special" ("this is a special case") and immediately after I was handed an order to rejoin my Battalion d'Instruction. I was further advised to hurry down to the station to catch the last bus, but missed this due to a lame foot, and lay over the night at the Garde National.

Headquarters is located in a large town—a city, compared with the little village in which we train, and with all the advantages and disadvantages of a city. When I was there it was teeming with troops of the International Brigade, mostly French with a few Americans of the Lincoln and Washington Brigades. I went first around to the office of the political commander of our battalion and secured an issue of soap and a pack of American smokes. Then to the international canteen, where a French nurse was kind enough to do some much needed sewing repairs to my uniform. At a bank nearby I changed the last of my French money into Pesetas.

Well Stocked Markets

The markets are huge, with a wide variety of goods on display. During that evening and the following morning I went to the issue of soap and a pack of American smokes. Then to the international canteen, where a French nurse was kind enough to do some much needed sewing repairs to my uniform. At a bank nearby I changed the last of my French money into Pesetas.

At dinner in the Garde National I made the acquaintance of a Negro comrade, a member of the Tom Money Machine Gun Company. He had fought all through the World War without a wound and was continuing his record in Spain. Six months on the Jarama front and nary a scratch. We got talking about men who seem to have charmed persons in battle. He told me of a certain commander of the I. B. This leader, an Englishman, fought as an officer all through the World War and was never wounded. In Spain he leads his men over the top in the traditional English-officer fashion, a walking stick in his hand. Standing erect himself, he curses hell out of any of his men who are rash enough to expose as much as a whisker above available cover! In innumerable engagements he has never been wounded.

I Eat Snails

That night we visited several bars. The wine is much cheaper in the village but of poorer quality and with it they serve snails. For the first time in my life I tried some of these (after several shots of vino) and found them not bad at all.

There were many French in the last bar we reached and I got into a conversation with one. He had been invalidated during the past two months and showed me numerous shrapnel wounds on his arms and chest. Having recognized the insignia on my cap he displayed a similar one on his ring. He was from Toulon in Southern France, had been in Spain a eight months, twice wounded. Before we left he gave me his name and address and begged us to let him know when we were going to the front so that he could go up with us.

August 6th. The news was announced to us today and was there excitement and jubilation! We're busy packing our belongings and casting off all unnecessary. Will write you again from the new location but cannot continue this letter today.

'FASCISM HITS MIDDLE CLASS'

Dr. Brady Warns AntiNazis Of Fascism in America

LOS ANGELES—"Under Fascism, the middle class, including professionals, is suffering terribly. Fascism is not a revolt of the middle class. Nor is it a freak in social phenomena. It is the most potent combination of reaction since the start of the industrial system and the beginning of the idea of liberty and work for all. It is a gangrene of the mind."

This was the charge made against Fascism by Dr. Robert A. Brady, University of California economist and outstanding authority on Fascism, in an address before members of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League upon his return from two years of study in Nazi Germany.

Dr. Brady spent the two years under a Carnegie Foundation appointment and for the Social Science Research Council. He is the author of "The Spirit and Structure of German Fascism," considered the leading American work on the subject.

"America is facing fascist trends in most, public and industrial relations, in most of the work of the schools, and in advertising."

"It cannot be compromised. The world is splitting into the two camps of democracy and fascism and every person must make his choice."

"Fascism as exemplified in Germany and Italy leaves untouched the landed interests and big private property and industry, sells out government-owned industry, leaves unchanged corporations, stock exchanges, trade associations, trusts, mergers and combines."

"Racket for Swag" "It combines autocracy and military dictatorship with the point of view of big business. The leaders so far as economics are concerned, are the employers. Labor is born to duty, discipline, loyalty and work. Labor organizations bar strikes, requests for wage increases and collective bargaining."

"Fascism operates as a racket, with its rewards as swag. It hires publicity men to arrange appropriate propaganda which has no more connection with truth than fake bonds and quick medicine."

Japanese Newspaper Is Picketed in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—Protesting the pressure being brought to bear on its readers to support the Japanese invasion of China, the American League Against War and Fascism, threw a cordon of pickets in front of the offices of the Japanese newspaper at 339 E. Second St.

Pickets wore bands reading "Hands Off China."

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JERRY CALLAHAN, Chairman.

(One of the Flaherty Brothers will broadcast over KGGC at 5 p. m., Monday, Oct. 4th)

THOUSANDS OF SPIES CAUGHT IN SPAIN RAID

Trotsky-Franco Conspiracy Linked to Embassies Of Latin-America

VALENCIA—A huge roundup of Trotsky-Franco plotters in Madrid, resulting in several thousand arrests, was directly linked by the government to the embassies of certain fascist-influenced South American governments.

The ring was organized in the manner of mystery thrillers, with each member identified to the others only by a calendar date in order that the intent of written communications could be camouflaged.

The spectacular arrests climaxed a week of turbulent activity by the secret police of Loyalist Spain. It was the biggest catch of fascist spies in 14 months of the war against fascism.

The Chilean embassy is believed to have housed the ring's general staff. Pressure of the Latin-American countries at Geneva to force the Spanish government to grant safe conduct out of the country to numerous spies who had taken refuge in the embassies, had been flatly turned down by the Negri cabinet at Geneva. It was then that South American governments voted Spain out of the council at the League of Nations.

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Before me, a notary public in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared Harry Kramer, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Business Manager of the Western Worker, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true and correct copy of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication, for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 21, 1912, as amended, embodied in section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on with:

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American League Calls Its Fourth National Meeting

American Peace Policy and Defeat of Fascism to Be Sought at People's Congress in Pittsburgh, Nov. 26

NEW YORK—Reminding America that the American Constitution was established 150 years ago "to insure domestic tranquility" and to "secure the blessings of liberty," the American League Against War and Fascism has issued a call for a Congress for Democracy and Peace in Pittsburgh, Pa., November 26 to 28.

The congress will be the fourth national meeting sponsored by the League.

The call warned that today the peace and freedom sought by the makers of the Constitution are gravely imperiled.

Four Main Issues. The congress will concern itself with four chief issues: An American Peace Policy; to make the United States a power for peace in the world.

War preparations: to free the people from the war-promoting policies of the war and navy departments, reduce budgets, defeat the industrial mobilization plan and halt the militarization of youth.

Democratic rights: to defend the rights of workers from vigilante and reactionary forces and to preserve the freedom of national, racial and religious minorities.

To Expose U. S. Fascists. Fascist formations: to expose fascist organizations of employers, anti-democratic agents and enemies of labor, protect the foreign-born and defeat repressive legislation.

Individual sponsors of the call include a vast number of farm, labor, educational, civic and political leaders, including a number of senators and congressmen.

Haitians Learn Fast After American Marines Leave

HAITI—When American occupation of this island in the West Indies ceased in 1930, real education for the thousands of black inhabitants just began.

Despite the much-vaunted advantages of "United States civilization," the U. S. Commissioner was forced to admit in 1931 that after fifteen years of occupation, 300,000 of the 450,000 Haitian children of school age were not even on the school rolls.

All of these 300,000 were rural children.

Now the situation is quite different according to Madeleine G. Svrain, authority on the present island Department of Rural Education writing in the bulletin of the Pan-American Union. At present there are 121 village schools built up entirely by native educators. These schools besides teaching the essentials of learning, give practical instruction in agriculture, personal hygiene and shop work. Moreover, these little schools support adult classes, baby clinics and farmer clubs: in fact they have become community centers wherever instituted.

On the other hand when a survey of rural education was made in 1931 preparatory to building the village school system, a deplorable situation was found in the wake of American imperialism. Miss Svrain writes: "Some of the schools had never been in operation and the teachers never seen in the vicinity. Some were held under trees. Many of the teachers, political appointees, could neither read nor write."

TWOC WINS AT POLLS

NEW YORK—The Textile Organizing Committee was chosen collective bargaining agency in eight large North Carolina and Georgia cotton textile mills, in labor board elections.

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CATHOLIC OF GERMANY FOR SPAIN GOV'T

Prince Loewenstein Found Fascists Using Church Against the People

LONDON—Prince Hubertus zu Loewenstein, German Catholic youth leader, declared here after a visit to Spain "that the victory of the Republican government is vital to avert a fascist encirclement of France and with a deadly menace to the peace and freedom of all European nations."

Exiled from Germany for his anti-fascist stand, the youth leader was scheduled to arrive in New York Sept. 30, later to enter the faculty of Swarthmore College as a Carnegie visiting professor.

Loewenstein said he did not go to Spain "on any political mission, but as a German, a European and a Catholic."

Saying he was impressed by the discipline and training of the Republican soldiers, and with the efficiency of the government both in Catalonia and Madrid, he added:

"In Valencia I got the assurance from the Basque Catholic Don Manuel Irujo, minister of Justice in the Valencia cabinet, that the government will restore full religious freedom as quickly as possible. There are already 2,000 masses said every day in Barcelona, 1000 in Madrid and 200 in Valencia."

He related that he found the church in Quinto, after fascists had been driven out, "full of German-made ammunition which the fleeing fascists had left behind."

Stalemate Raid On Film Unions

HOLLYWOOD—Discredited leaders of the Intl. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees were stalemated here in their efforts to be recognized as sole bargaining agent for all workers in the movie industry.

Opposed by eight unions headed by the Screen Actors Guild and scores of rank and file members in its own ranks, the IATSE leaders halted "organization" plans on the pretext they were awaiting the return to Hollywood of studio executives before proceeding.

co-ops of Europe. The foundation for such an enterprise has been laid by recent shipments from Consumers Cooperative Assn., N. Kansas City, to co-op wholesalers in Scotland, France, Belgium and Estonia.

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A Thief in Retreat Gives Up Part of His Booty

THERE was never a more brazen attack on civil rights than the ravings of the California press and economic royalists which resulted in the conviction of the eight Sacramento victims of the California Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Forgotten by many Californians is the sound and fury and beating of drums which accompanied that trial. The great Neil McAllister was going to rid the state of the threat of imminent "bloody revolution."

The courts and the Associated Farmers were going to drive the Communist Party into illegality. They were going to put an end "definitely and forever," to the idea that California agricultural workers could organize.

They didn't succeed in either case. And now, having kept three in prison even to this day and the stigma of conviction and parole over the others, the courts of California have been forced to beat as graceful a retreat as possible. After all these months, the court has admitted there was no basis for their conviction.

It admitted only what it had to admit. That much and no more. It got the case off the books to silence the din of mass protest. But it did not wipe the unconstitutional act off the books. In short, it has attempted to retreat without surrendering is illegal weapons.

Let no one have any illusions as to why these prisoners were freed. The San Francisco Chronicle, straining itself to help the court in this hour of its embarrassment, says that "nothing is so important to Americanism as to protect the rights of even those whom we strongly disapprove." This, says the Chronicle, disproves the theory "that there is no justice for the common man in the 'capitalist' courts."

A thief caught will give up as much booty as he must to save the rest and go scot free!

Let these new-come advocates of justice now join with the masses of California and the nation in demanding more loudly than ever the release of Tom Mooney!

Organize the campaign to wipe the California Criminal Syndicalism Act off the statute books of the state!

A rousing welcome back to the active ranks of labor and of its fighting Communist Party: Pat Chambers, Caroline Decker, Martin Wilson, Jack Crane, Al Hougardy, Nora Conklin and Lorene Norman!

Labor's Eyes On Denver

WILLIAM GREEN will hold court starting Monday, October 4, in Denver. There, with all the wilfulness of the "nine old men" of the Supreme Court, he will attempt to impose the will of the 15 old men of the AFL executive council upon the laboring people of the United States. No black-robed Supreme Court justice has more flagrantly defied a people's mandate, than has Green disdained and subverted the will of labor for unity.

But the final tribunal will not be present at Denver. The delegates—many of whom "earned" their trip to Denver by servile obedience to the dictates of Green—may rubber-stamp the labor-splitting and union-busting program of the AFL executive council, but they will not settle the issue.

Only unity will settle the issue. The Seattle Metal Trades Council, an AFL body, has voiced the demand for both AFL and CIO members in a resolution adopted and sent to the Denver convention.

Call a national convention of ALL unions—regardless of affiliation so long as they are not company unions—and there work out, in a democratic manner the basis on which the ranks of labor can be reunited. This is the proposal of the Seattle Metal Trades Council and numerous other AFL unions and central bodies throughout the country.

If the delegates to Denver have ears and conscience, they will adopt the Seattle resolution.

McLaughlin Swings From Ridiculous to Sublime

WE, IN common with most people, were wondering what face-saving pretext the Teamsters' Union officials would devise to end their unwarranted, unsuccessful and unpopular embargo when John P. McLaughlin pulled the "save the crop" rabbit out of his hat.

Really, John, do you expect anyone to believe that fairy tale which tries to make the ridiculous seem sublime?

You, John, called off the embargo because you had to. Your insane adventure was heading straight over a cliff and you applied

the brakes.

Well, if you haven't the guts to state the real reasons for your retreat, we have! Here they are:

1. The rank and file teamsters' revolt in Oakland, which not only threatened to smash the embargo but also threatened to throw your puppet, Charles Real, out of office.

2. The fact that when you called for 4,000 teamsters to picket on Tuesday (day before you tried to become a hero), only fifty—count 'em, John, 50, fifty—showed up.

3. The adverse public sentiment which condemned your attack against an entire city to please your two masters—Dave Beck and the Draymen's Association.

4. All your stooges and lickspittles in the maritime unions couldn't put a dent in the tested solidarity of the maritime workers.

What were you to do, John, when spades were trumps and all you held was a red (herring) suit? You did the only thing you could, and you didn't do that gracefully.

John, the rank and file teamsters were becoming disgusted with your irresponsible adventure. When working men are thrown on the bricks for 28 days, they want to know the reason why. You didn't give them any that would stick.

You say you did it all to save the crop. But you sowed another seed and we hope the harvest comes mighty soon. We hope it takes the form of the teamsters cleaning you and a couple of other weeds out of their union garden.

The Big Show Is Over; The Applause Is Weak

THE BIG SHOW is over. The principal actors wait for applause. There are only a few faltering handclaps.

There was no expense spared by Hitler and Mussolini to win international support for the infamous Rome-Berlin Axis. They did everything they could in the recent "historic meeting" in Germany to make this axis the spit on which to broil democracy.

They proclaimed peace, but their words were smothered in the roar of their own cannons. They renewed with every theatrical gesture known to politics their infamous attempts to break the collaboration of the Soviet Union with other democratic forces of Europe.

Mussolini and Hitler proclaimed loudly that they would never consent to the withdrawal of their troops from Spain, but even as the pirate of the Mediterranean returns to Rome he is to be confronted with new pressure from England and France, calling upon him to take that action.

Even this move of the British Tories, however, is smeared by their tender solicitation for the pirate. It is reported that they are preparing to offer him a legal recognition of the bloody Ethiopian conquests. Support for the Spanish people is growing in England. With the aid of the brilliant Soviet policy it prodded the Tory cabinet to take hesitant steps which have aided in stopping the pirate submarine warfare. Now it demands that the weight of England be used to force removal of the Italian and German troops from Spain.

The theatrical performance in Germany will not achieve its goal. Democratic forces today are pressing their demands for defense of Spain more emphatically than ever. They must and will demand as well that Mussolini be neither offered nor given any recognition whatsoever to the gangster conquest of Ethiopia.

Gangsters At Large In Los Angeles

WHO are the real gangsters in Los Angeles?

Not the hundreds of small racketeers in vice and gambling and confidence games that plague the city's multitudes.

Not the occasional "neurot" running berserk with a gun.

These are not the REAL enemies of the people of Los Angeles. They but reflect the putrefaction of a diseased social system.

The real gangsters are uniformed.

They meet in the people's public buildings with the city's prominent citizens. They sit on the reviewing stands and lead parades. They wear the badge of authority to keep the peace.

Yet, there is no deed too loathesome for them to do.

Last week, these "guardians of law and order" were caught red-handed at the vilest crime imaginable.

They were picking the pockets of drunks. Investigation showed they systematically robbed prostitutes and petty offenders before jailing them.

Everyone in Los Angeles knows they operate a racket that for pure unadulterated banditry, beats anything Al Capone or Pete McDonough ever conceived.

What should be done with these blackguards?

Ask Baron Fitts! Ask Chief James Davis! The cops caught tred-handed are only their stooges.

Above all, ask "Red" Hynes! He knows whom this police racket serves. He knows who profits from vice and brutality.

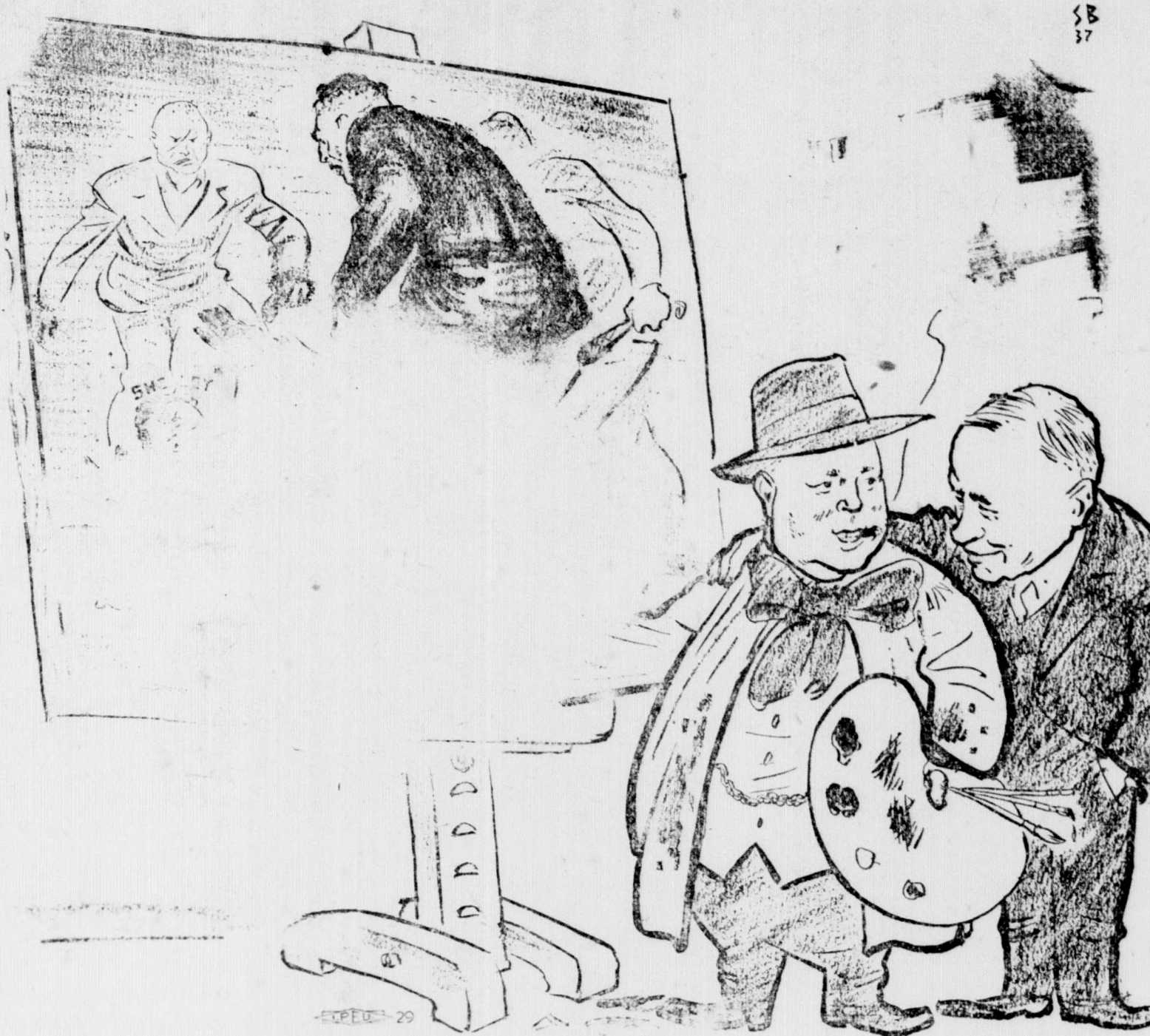
"Red" Hynes can tell you, for at the same time a few police were caught thieving, other cops were helping the thugs of Teamster Czars to beat up CIO unionists.

"Red" Hynes can tell you the boss of the uniformed gangsters, is Harry Chandler's crowd—the open-shop industrialists and bankers of Los Angeles.

But let the people of Los Angeles not deceive themselves. No mere police purge will stop this vandalism.

Corruption and gangsterism of the police force must go. But not until Los Angeles use their vote to throw out the whole corrupt administration which protects and fosters police graft, will gangsterism be stopped.

Dave Beck Paints a Picture



A Personal Letter to Every Party Member

Dear Comrade:

THE CENTRAL Committee of our Party has launched a mass recruiting campaign to bring thousands of new members into our ranks. I address myself to you personally, on behalf of the Central Committee, because the success of the campaign depends not alone on the collective efforts of your branch or unit, but ESPECIALLY UPON YOUR OWN INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY.

It is you who are the bearer of the Communist policies and program among workers in your shop or mine, in your trade union or other mass organization, among people in your neighborhood and all sections of the population. There are tens of thousands among the working people in all fields who have worked together with us, accept and respect our leadership, look to us to show them the road to progress. These militant men and women should be in the Communist Party, but, for the most part, they will not enter spontaneously, of their own accord. It is upon you, therefore, that the Central Committee relies to convince them to take the final step—to join our Party.

Recruiting Begins at Home

You may ask, "Where, concretely, will I find the person to recruit?" I suggest: begin at home. Is your wife, or husband, in the Party together with you? Have you approached your relatives and close friends? Try to convince them. Arrange a family gathering in your home where the policies of our Party can be discussed. Bring the members of your family to Party affairs and meetings.

If you have neglected your relatives and friends since joining the Party, here is your opportunity to re-establish your ties with them. Your own life will be enriched if those who are near and dear to you personally also participate together with you in the work of our Party.

Fellow Workers Are Next

Then, if you are a shop worker or a miner—what about your shop-mates, your fellow-trade unionists? You have heard them

discuss many problems. Workers everywhere are becoming more and more conscious of their economic and political needs. Undoubtedly you know at least one who should be in our Party. Get better acquainted with this worker. Spend your lunch time with him when possible. Invite him to your home. Discuss with him the policies of our Party. Encourage him to read our literature, to attend our meetings. Be patient and persistent, and you will recruit him.

The same applies to your activity among members of any other organization to which you may belong—unemployed, Negro, fraternal, farmers, women's clubs and auxiliaries, youth, and others.

Consider your neighborhood, also, where the Communist Party carried on election campaigns, held meetings, helped to organize united front actions. You probably know a number of individuals who have expressed their support of our Party, or a willingness to learn more about us. Concentrate on one at least. Win that person's confidence. Help him to become a Communist Party member.

Your Press is Best Teacher

Perhaps you think you cannot explain well enough the policies of our Party? You can have excellent aids, comrades, in the Western and Daily and Sunday Worker, our best agitator and teacher, answering the questions uppermost in the minds of the masses. Why not give copies to your contacts? There is other Communist literature which you can sell and distribute—pamphlets, leaflets of all sorts. At the same time, it is important that you equip yourself to explain our policies clearly by reading the proceedings of the June full meeting of the Central Committee.

But that is not all. During the recruiting campaign there will be many mass meetings, open unit and branch meetings. Bring your contacts to these meetings, where they will find other Party comrades, and gain the benefit of collective discussion. If you know a worker whom you think another could recruit more easily than you, get your branch or

unit to cooperate.

Remember, also, the National Congress of Party Builders Delegates, which will be held in New York in November. The number of new members you recruit will determine the number of delegates your district may send, and every comrade has the opportunity to be chosen a delegate depending upon the new members you bring into the Party.

Own Experiences Valuable

Thus you see that many possibilities exist for recruiting. It is especially important to utilize your own experiences—that which the Party means to you, you can make it mean for others as well. The reasons that impelled you to join the Communist Party, can become the reasons for others to follow your example.

Comrade, the mass recruiting campaign for September and October is our most important task. We can be proud of the fact that we see realized in life today—in the growth of the CIO, the advance toward independent political action, and other historic movements—the policies and slogans for which our Party has campaigned since its birth. We can take pride in our rapidly growing influence. But we must now convert that influence into added strength for our Party by greatly increasing its membership.

A stronger, more powerful Communist Party will give greater power to all forces of progress in the forward march against reaction and fascism to the People's Front, to Socialism.

We invite you to write us, if you wish, your experiences in the drive, how you recruit, what problems you meet, the questions raised by the people you contact.

Yours is a grave responsibility and an honor, Comrade. To build the Communist Party, your Party and the Party of the toiling masses, we are confident that you will accept this responsibility.

I send you fraternal greetings.

Comradely yours,
Earl Browder
General Secretary.

Hearst Scribe Not Genius

Editor Western Worker:

Perhaps the most remarkable of the columnists who daily contribute to the capitalist press is Benjamin De Casseres, Hearst writer and man of highly polished ignorance who daily bemoans the existence of Soviet Russia.

De Casseres, who considers himself no less than a genius, is the ancient who described himself as having read the first page of Marx's Capital and immediately saw it was a volume of unadulterated buncombe. He put it down and forgot it.

Since he put it down, however, the working class of Russia, holding high the banner of Marxism, has taken that great land for its own; central China is in the hands of the Marxists, and the whole world is more "Marx-conscious" than ever before.

Who knows, Benjamin—maybe you're not a genius after all.

Comradely,
M. S., Los Angeles.

"My Kingdom for a Horse"

Editor Western Worker:

The dictators Hitler and Mussolini will soon be crying "My Kingdom for a Horse," because the people are becoming tired of being ridden.

And one thing that Japan has found out is that it is much easier to bomb defenseless citizens than it is to face Chinese with machine guns.

Fraternally,
R., Visalia, Calif.

LETTERS

More Suggestions for the Daily

Editor Western Worker:

I would like to have some information on your correspondence class on journalism mentioned in recent issues of the Western.

I also want to offer a few suggestions for the contents of our new daily paper.

1. More lighter features such as short stories dealing with the struggles of the workers in their fight to exist.

2. Print biographies of our leaders, beginning with the international leaders right on down to our local comrades.

3. Comic strips.

4. Cartoons such as are found in the Daily Worker and New Masses.

5. More international news.

6. Give your readers some life histories of some of the shady careers of our political crooks and also give us the low down on the sell-out artists in the AFL—Green, Hutcheson and the rest. Give us their complete history from the time they were brought into the world up to the present.

7. Last but not least, give the women a break by offering them some good, cheap but substantial recipes.

Comradely,
J. M., Los Angeles.

As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

(This article was written before the Teamster Czars called off pickets on the San Francisco waterfront.—Ed.)

A Coastwide Conspiracy

"President Roosevelt has been informed the AFL has selected the West Coast for its battle-to-the-death against the CIO. The President has been told that West Coast industrialists have entered into an agreement with Dave Beck of Seattle, leader of the Coast's strong Teamsters' Union, to fight side by side in crushing the CIO. Although the employers have signed an agreement with the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union—a CIO group—they have taken no steps in court or elsewhere to prevent AFL Teamsters from interfering with that agreement."

The above paragraph is a quotation from a Washington, D. C., news dispatch. It confirms fully the charge made by the Western Worker that the waterfront dispute is the result of a carefully-hatched plot of the shipowners, the Industrial Association's Committee of 43, and the Draymen's Association to smash the Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, and prevent the maritime unions from going into the CIO.

They are using the reactionary leaders of the AFL—Green, Tobin, and Ryan—to conduct the war, and the Beck-McLaughlin-Vandeleur gang of wreckers are trying to carry out orders. Unwilling rank and file members of the Teamsters' Union are being clubbed into line as the pawns, to fight against their brothers on the waterfront with whom they have maintained solidarity for three years since the General Strike of 1934.

The News Lets the Cat Out

The San Francisco News stated editorially on September 28th: "The Chamber of Commerce and the shipowners themselves have been tolerant of an intolerable situation in the hope that the current so-called showdown would dispose of radical leadership and agitation on this Coast."

In other words, this is merely the latest of a long series of "showdowns" brought about by the employers to drive out the militant rank and file leadership of the Longshoremen and other maritime unions under the usual flimsy red-baiting excuse of "radical leadership and agitation."

During every minor stoppage of work by maritime workers over justifiable grievances, the employers raised a big howl about "interfering with commerce," etc. But today they are showing a benevolent attitude toward the attempt of the Teamsters' czars, Beck and McLaughlin, to paralyze the port and industries of San Francisco—not over any justified economic demands, but in carrying out the union-smashing orders of the Industrial Association's Committee of 43.

News Columnist Versus News Editor

Only a few days ago a columnist in the San Francisco News ridiculed the charge of the Communists that the employers were behind the Teamsters' picket line. But the above-quoted Washington dispatch and the News editorial contradicts their own columnist, and confirms the charges made in the Western Worker. And to further confirm this position, the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and the CIO have filed criminal charges with Federal authorities on the West Coast, charging a Coastwide conspiracy to interfere with the workers' rights by Czar Beck & Co.

Rank and file teamsters of San Pedro and Oakland have already prevented the war from being extended beyond San Francisco, by refusing to carry out an embargo against the Longshoremen. During the last few days, there is much evidence to show that San Francisco teamsters are also beginning to realize that they have been used as dupes, and are beginning to grumble against picketing their fellow workers on the waterfront.

The main reason why the spectacular demonstrations of the Teamsters Union on the waterfront failed to accomplish their purpose of stopping dock work, is that the teamsters did not have their heart in the fight, and while formally carrying out orders, did not raise a finger against their union brothers in the maritime unions.

How the French Workers Build the Popular Front

MORE butter on the French people's bread—more security against fascism and reaction, at home and abroad—more opportunity for youth—an assurance that the road is open to a free, happy and peaceful France. "La Vie Est a Nous" ("Life Is Ours") tells this story of the building of and the triumphs of the French Popular Front (showing at 121 Haight St., San Francisco, on Sunday, October 3, 8 p. m.). What the Popular Front has meant to the French worker, the French farmer, the French youth is presented in this outstanding sound film so realistically and so dramatically that it has the breath of life itself.

The story is told by the lips of French workers, peasants and youth, and by the leaders of the Communist Party, which took the lead in building the People's Front—Marcel Cachin, Andre Marty, Maurice Thorez, Paul Vaillant-Couturier, Jacques Duclos and others.

Technically, the film is outstanding, but the technique is overshadowed by the human message it carries. "Life is ours," say the French people in the Popular Front. The film shows how they are molding it in the people's interests.

That Daily Paper

Example Setting
Babies
The Branch to Beat

At the Enlarged State Committee meeting last Sunday, Comrade BETTY GANNET delivered \$60.00 to SAM VASTY of the S. F. Drive Committee. The money represented a day's wage donated by State and County functionaries working at 121 Haight.

The collection of the day's pay is the most important single step now to be taken in the Drive. And we must go further than the collection among party members alone. Thousands of sympathizers and progressives will give one day's pay if approached in the proper fashion.

From the Cradle to the Grave

Babies are something of a problem to mothers who are Party members. But not to San Francisco Housewives' Unit. One of their members has a son who will be one year along on the road to becoming a YCL'er next month. So the Housewives' unit pops up with a plan to capitalize on the occasion. A "Baby" party will be held, with all members of the unit inviting other mothers with babies. So, after all are present, pictures of the group will be taken; later, prints to be sold to the proud mothers present. Proceeds from the business will, of course, go to the Daily Western Worker. Now, if this idea isn't what one would call "spreading the basis for the Drive," we don't know of one that is.

About San Mateo

Right now, SAN MATEO is leading the Drive in percentage of quota fulfilled. Unit No. 1 held a picnic on Sept. 12 at Woodruff Grove, La Honda and cleared \$14.00 with a small crowd and a very good time. Unit No. 3 had a picnic on the 19th with Spanish speaking workers and cats. With Comrade NUNO in charge and his wife preparing the fine food, the unit cleared \$18.62. Many more affairs are planned in the county and a challenge was issued to SANTA CLARA. Comrade E. J. PATTERSON is the San Mateo Drive Manager and is a real live wire in organizing the Drive.

How to Do It

BRANCH B-1, Eastside Section, Los Angeles, is absolutely (in our opinion) the fastest acting Branch in the State in getting under way in the Drive. Know what they did? Mimeographed collections lists almost before the Drive was under way and were collecting money. With 30 members, it set itself a quota of \$400 which is well above the \$10.00-per-member average for the State. The entire branch is alert and enthusiastic. Pep talks and announcements of collections by name at each branch meeting enliven and stimulate their work. The Branch voted for the day's pay and have already started collection. A number of affairs are planned which will further widen the base of the drive and popularize it.

Maybe you can't know it, but the State Drive Committee has put up an A. B. Dick Automatic Feed Mimeograph machine for the Branch doing the best all-around work in the Drive. All in all, we think Branch B-1 is the outfit to beat for this fine award. What do you say to this, ALAMEDA?

WE WONDER what the reactionaries, Chamber of Commerce, Hearst and other enemies of the people think about the coming establishment of two more Daily Communist Papers in America. The holder of "Moscow Gold" is worn thinner than the bologna in a dairy lunch sandwich by overuse in the past. So we can't think of what angle they'll find to slander the effort with this time. But we'll betcha they're straining a button thinking up ways of discrediting and slandering our new "Dailies" . . . which is just one more reason why we've got to put them over with a bang.

SCIENCE FOR WORKERS

New Chemical Found To Kayo Whole Army

By HENRY GOLLÖMB

Acetylcholine is a chemical whose name is probably new to almost everyone who reads this. But the body makes use of this chemical several million times a day. Every time the brain sends a message to the nerves to move certain muscles, the nerve-end spurts an infinitesimal quantity of acetylcholine into the muscle and causes the required response.

At the recent meeting of the American Chemical Society, a new and tremendously effective use for this chemical in warfare was pointed out. So powerful is the reagent that a few grains properly distributed could knock thousands of men unconscious for a short period almost instantly upon inhaling it. Clay shells impregnated with the chemical, upon exploding over a wide area, would accomplish this. Recovery is rapid without any ill after-effects, but while unconscious the soldiers would be an easy capture.

Living Fly Scatter

The Yerba de la pulga, a South American plant, is good to have around the house as a watchdog for insects. They don't like the plant for some reason and refuse to buzz around it if it is anywhere in the neighborhood. The Pan-American Society of Tropical Research at Gulfport, Miss., is sponsoring this plant, which grows in the republic of Colombia. Four seeds of this insect repeller (the society does not state if it also repels human beings) will be sent on request to anyone who sends a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Instructions for its growth and care are also free.

Youth Commission Blasts Old Surveys

By P. SCOFIELD

Composed mainly of young people, the Los Angeles Youth Inquiry Commission wants to make a survey of young people in this city. Furthermore, say these up-and-coming youth, all previous surveys on the subject have failed to develop reliable information.

On June 12 of this year representative youth leaders in Los Angeles County were called together by the city Supervisors to consider the problems of youth in relation to county government. At that time a temporary inquiry committee was formed to study and report on the possibilities of a youth survey in Los Angeles County where juvenile delinquency has been increasing at an alarming rate.

This temporary youth inquiry committee, said to be the first of its kind in the United States under county auspices, recently submitted its first report to the board.

Painstaking Study

"To carry out our commission from you," states the report in part, "we studied the purposes, methods, and the results of all those recent surveys on the youth problem in the county which came to our attention of which we could track down. We found all these surveys fundamentally alike. They set out to gather and publish reliable statistical information, each one necessarily limiting itself to a small portion of the youthful population, and each had the expressed purpose of stimulating action to solve or to alleviate the difficulties they might reveal."

"In their immediate object, of assembling and publishing reliable statistics on the county's youthful population, all these surveys failed of any considerable measure of success because their limitations and their only partially complete application made them fragmentary and impossible of mutual comparison, and because they suffered from statistical errors in execution."

Miserly Methods

The report charges that this failure was due to stinginess on the part of the elders who administered the surveys.

"Both the technical errors and the fragmentary character are traceable to the fact that all these surveys of the youth problem required more money for their effective completion than was available."

The committee contends that the most pretentious survey ever made in Los Angeles County took so long that it became obsolete before even partial completion.

"For example, the survey conducted by the Los Angeles Board of Education in 1935, under a plan and with a schedule arranged by the United States Office of Education—a survey which took for the greater part of that year and which was in spite of its inadequacies by far the most pretentious of any so far conducted in this region, gave some information on unemployment of youth which is now subject to challenge on the grounds that improved economic conditions have intervened, rendering the information obsolete."

The committee takes sharp issue with their seniors on the

point of improved employment conditions for youth.

Youth Still Hard Hit

"Claims may even be made that economic conditions have improved to such an extent that the youth problem is now non-existent. We consider such claims unacceptable, and perhaps even an evidence of a desire to remain ignorant of the facts. To combat such challenges, youth needs current information on its conditions as a social group."

The report recommends more than publication of inadequate statistics.

"The mere assembling, study and publication of statistical information cannot, however, be considered as more than the immediate aim of a survey—the ultimate aim must be assumed to be some sort of activity designed to solve the problem."

All the surveys we studied concluded with pious hopes that action would follow release of information, and consequently in every case the mere hopes were the final words."

Specific Suggestions

Specifically the report suggests to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that:

1—Attempts at new surveys be adequately financed and engineered.

2—State Relief Administration projects be established employing young men and women now on county relief rolls to draft, study, administer and publish results of a youth census schedule.

3—A Youth Commission of 22 young men and women be selected from their own youth groups augmented by five selected by the County Board of Supervisors to carry out the work.

Youth and Age Cooperate

In summary, the committee outlines down the following principle:

"We propose and recommend that the Youth Commission of 27 members so elected shall recognize the distinction that exists between the problems of youth on the one hand, and on the other hand the problems presented by youth to the older population groups. While we think the commission should recognize this distinction, and also the superficial clash in some fields of the interests of youth and age, we recommend to the commission that in its study of the youth problem it take such means as may seem suitable to promote the cooperation and minimize the antagonism of youth and the older section of the citizenry, on the grounds that the youth problem is inextricably bound up in our national problems of all age and social groups, and cannot be attacked or solved independently of the general problem."

Los Angeles Youth in Action

YOUTH COMMISSIONERS TO MEET

By LORENE BLAKE

The Los Angeles County Youth Inquiry Commission in planning for their October 9th Conference have made every effort to make a worthwhile event. Jerry Voorhis, Congressman, has been obtained as principal speaker to outline youth problems in Los Angeles County. Joe Phelps, Chairman of the Commission, states "We want to have every section of Youth represented at our meeting on the ninth."

Members of the County Board of Supervisors have given much of their time, advice and material aid to the Youth Inquiry Commission. Primarily organized to get the work of the Inquiry Commission before a large group for discussion and for determining of area set-ups, the conference has been widely publicized and has received much favorable comment.

Active in the present work are Commissioners Walter Van Der Ahe of the Catholic Youth Organization, Jefferson Jorgensen of the Mormon young people of the Los Angeles State, Lou Rosser, of the Young Communist League, Elsie Monjar of the Southern California Assembly of Youth, Walter Cohn of the United Jewish Federation, Mort Newman of the Los Angeles Region of Epworth Leagues, Clarence Eby, and Margaret De-

Education Board in L.A. Condemns Relief Heads Fostering Child Labor

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Board of Education recently passed a resolution condemning employment of children by the County Relief Administration in walnut groves in the northeast. The board heard several complaints that people on relief were forced to employ their children to assist them in the walnut harvest before relief would be granted.

Hahn of the Student YWCA. This promising Conference will be held in the City Council Chambers of the Los Angeles City Hall, Saturday, October 9th at 1 p.m. Interested young people are urged by the Commission to attend.

Church Youth Fellowship
Young people from various religious groups joined with the Christian Youth Council for an Inter-Religious Tea on Sunday, September 19th. Catholic, Jewish, Mormon and student religious groups met with young people of Protestant faith for an afternoon of fellowship.

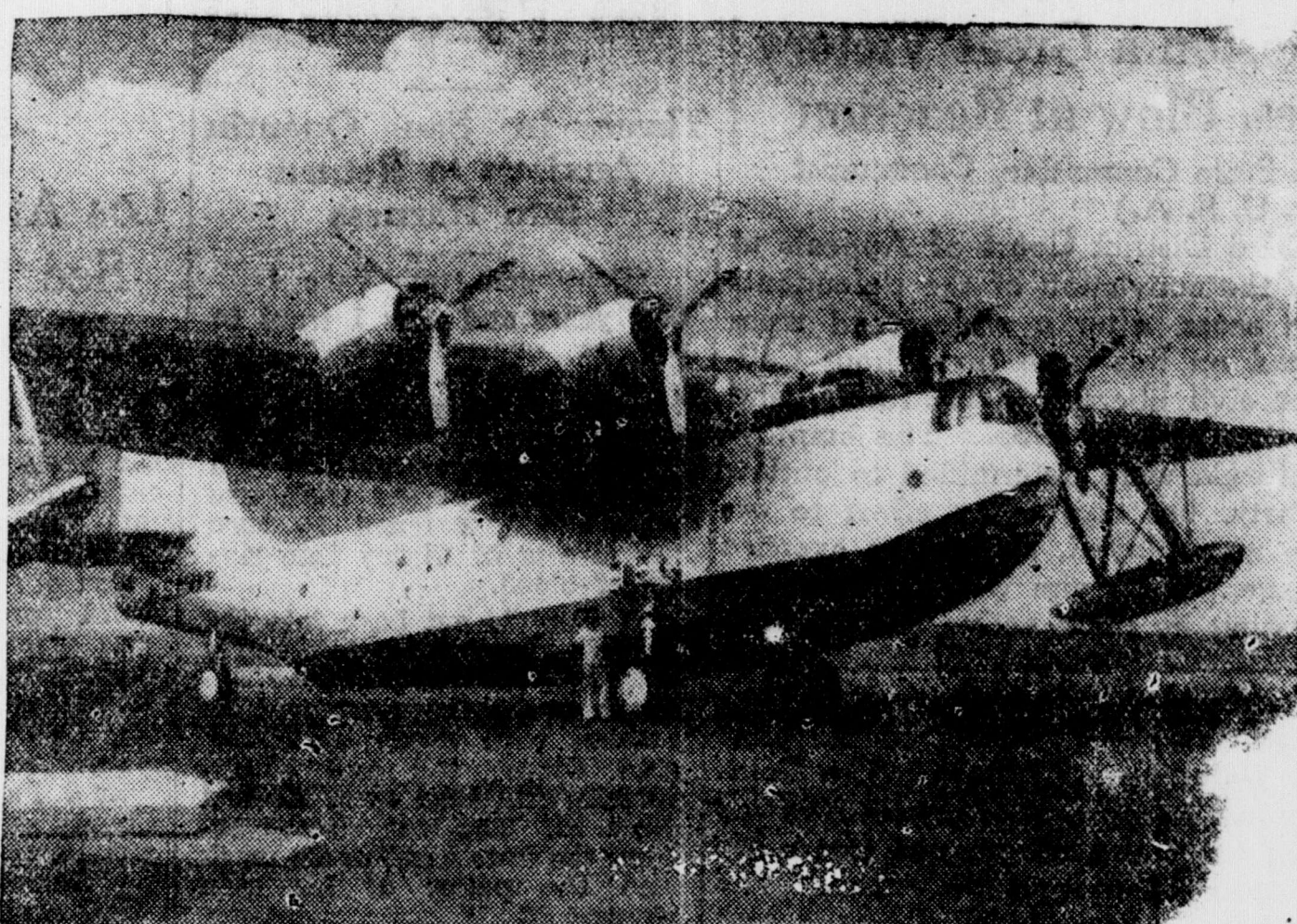
The Tea was held at the First Methodist Church. This represents a really advanced step among religious organizations, so far as joint activities are concerned, and congratulations are in order to the Christian Youth Council and the other groups involved.

Meeting for Sharecropper
The special Epworth League sub-committee set up to raise \$200.00 to establish a sharecropper farm in the Delta Cooperative Farm is holding a mass meeting on October 8th in the interest of this project. They plan to get the rank and file Leaguers activated and involved in the raising of the money and the publicizing of the dire circumstances confronting the sharecroppers. The meeting is being held at the First Methodist Church. Every best wish for the success of this worthwhile project.

Young Democrats Glide

Dancing into the picture comes the Westlake Young Democratic Club. We understand that they raised a lot of money and whoopee at their dance held recently. A rip-roaring time was had by everyone say reports. The dance was held at the Royal Palms Hotel. The Young Democrats not only put on excellent dances, but may be found at the top in many civic enterprises.

Cost of This Would Buy Schoolbooks



THIS HUGE 4-engined all-metal monoplane built for the U. S. Navy at the Sikorsky factory in Bridgeport, Conn., equals any known plane in military load-carrying capacity, with radio equipment comparable to that installed on a destroyer. It is estimated the cost of building this death-machine would supply all the kids in Georgia with free school books.

Am. Youth Congress Gets Union's Okay

AKRON, Ohio—Sept. 16—The United Rubber Workers Union again showed itself to be a progressive and youth-conscious body by the rubber workers' convention here wholeheartedly endorsing the American Youth Congress.

Discussion on the Youth Congress occupied an entire morning session after the chairman of the Resolutions Committee, L. S. Buckmaster, recommended non-concurrence in five resolutions calling for endorsement of the Youth Congress and for representation at the next congress.

Buckmaster, in speaking for the committee's recommendation, objected to affiliation with the Youth Congress by the rubber union, and an amendment was offered to omit affiliation but to endorse the principles and to send an official delegate to the next congress.

Tribute to Congress

In the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that the convention had gone on record for the Youth Congress last year, and could do no less this year. The President of Akron Local 5 of the Goodrich Co. reported that his delegation was instructed to cast its entire 35 votes for the resolutions.

A member of the Akron Central Union also reported on the findings of a committee set up by that body to investigate the Youth Congress following slanderous attacks against it by a local Trotskyite. The investigation resulted in a glowing tribute to the Youth Congress.

Opposition to the move took various forms, one argument being that to send a delegate to the Youth Congress would obligate the union to send delegates to all similar organizations.

Red Hearing Canned

One delegate rose to ask who sponsored the AYC, declaring that he was "in favor of trade children being educated to my children, but I don't want my family Communized." He was called sharply to order by Chairman Dalrymple, who cautioned the delegates to "speak to the point, and don't indulge in insinuations."

At one point in the discussion the convention bogged down completely in a maze of parliamentary technicalities, with a series of amendments and motions to refer and efforts to stifle debate. But the American Youth Congress came sailing through with flying colors, and the resolution was adopted by an overwhelming majority.

By its action, the convention fully endorsed the AYC, decided to be officially represented at the next congress, and all locals are urged to send delegates.

Kellogg Peace Pact

This move expresses indirect approval of adherence to the Kellogg Peace Pact by the United States and suggestions to make the pact effective against the aggressor nations as expressed in a peace resolution passed by the American Youth Congress held in Milwaukee last July 25.

The leading paragraph of the resolution was: "Be it enacted by the Youth of America in Congress assembled. The Congress hereby affirms the adherence of my United States declares that it will always act in accordance with that Treaty."

C.C.C. Boys Re-enlist

WASHINGTON—About 65,000 veterans of the Civilian Conservation Corps, whose service was about to be terminated, have received word that they may re-enlist beginning October 1. The corps will enroll 100,000 new men at that time.

SPAIN'S ORPHANS FIND HEALTH AND QUIET IN FRIENDLY MEXICO

By DOLORES STILLWELL

The Mexican government has not only given moral and material support to the Democratic government of Spain, but has extended its hospitality to hundreds of the little victims of fascism. Most of these war orphans are at Morelia, some two hundred and fifty miles from Mexico City, in the beautiful State of Michoacan.

When President Lazaro Cardenas offered this help to the Spanish government last spring, it was planned to send the kids on a Spanish boat directly to Mexico. At the last moment, however, it was learned that the fascists had plans to torpedo the ship. President Cardenas immediately chartered a French liner and the children crossed into France and sailed from Bordeaux.

Orphans Aid Helper

Among others coming with them was a Mexican newspaper correspondent, who was popular with the kids and very much loved by them. Naturally his press reports were accurate but true reports of Loyalist kids aren't wanted by the fascist powers and their lesser satellites.

When the boat docked in Cuba, the youngsters were not allowed to land and the Mexican correspondent, on stepping ashore was arrested on a faked charge by the Cuban authorities. The kids, when they heard of this, got into action. A note was sent to the chief of police, stating that if the correspondent was not released, every child on the boat would jump overboard—the correspondent was released.

Fireworks Scare Kids

When the orphans arrived in Mexico, there were tremendous ovations all along the route to Morelia—flowers, demonstrations, music. One community wished to do something special; there was a big display of fireworks as the train pulled into the station. The youngsters, thinking they had been caught in a fascist trap, started hiding under the seats and jumping out of the car windows. Those in charge, however, finally succeeded in reassuring them and they filed back into the train. Now, after two and a half months of fresh air, sunshine and good food, much has been done to mend shattered minds and bodies.

The school at Morelia is well provided with books, the food is abundant and work shops are rapidly being added so that the children may learn a trade. But the older boys and girls need athletic equipment—their practices are none—and the little kids have no toys. Incidentally, the toys which our American kids revel in—guns, tin soldiers, aeroplanes—have been flatly rejected everywhere by Spanish youngsters.

As in all institutions, however, the greatest lack is affection. I asked ten-year-old Francisco Gonzalez if he were happy. "Yes," he answered, "but even though there are over four hundred of us here, we are very lonely." As soon as these kids are convinced that you are their friend, they crowd up close, hang onto your hand and hold on tight.

Eager To Talk

They are eager to talk—not of the war and tragedy they have seen, but of the cities where they come from and the land they love. They ask many questions about the United States and especially about American children.

The majority of Spaniards in Mexico are Franco sympathizers and they, along with Nazi and Mexican fascists, have done their best to discredit the school at Morelia. All sorts of false reports have been circulated re-

garding the treatment of the little Spaniards, but from everything that I could see the children are well fed, well taken care of and as happy as it is possible for them to be in such tragic circumstances.

Kids Resent Fascists

The kids themselves are the first to resent fascist interference. Recently two men appeared at the school and asked if they might visit. Their stay was not long—they attempted to pass out fascist propaganda and the kids rose as one and literally kicked them out of the school.

What will happen to these youngsters? The Mexican government has provided for any eventuality by extending the privilege of Mexican citizenship to them, but I feel that the moment their country is free they will go back as the enthusiastic young builders of a New Spain.

New Mexico Paper Reprints Same Old Anti-Soviet Hokey

CLOVIS, New Mexico—I enclose a piece from the Clovis paper, what they say in regard to prices in the Soviet Union. I don't believe it is true, and I would like to see them cased for it. If you do, I would like you to send me a copy.

(NOTE—The clipping enclosed from the Clovis (N. M.) Evening News Journal is typical of the nonsense printed about the Soviet Union in the capitalist press. The editorial commences, "Several citizens of the United States who visited Russia this summer report . . . etc, etc, etc, giving the impression that the editorial writer has personally interviewed some "traveller." Actually the material in the editorial is "canned"; that is, it is furnished by propaganda syndicates to whose interest it is to discredit the Soviet Union.

The editorial lists coffee as costing \$5 a pound, beef \$1.30 a pound, butter \$2, a suit of clothes at \$160, etc, etc. These are, of course nothing but deliberate falsehoods. Scientific figures accepted by the League of Nations show the following for the city of Moscow alone:

From 1934-1936 an increase in food consumption per head of 28.8 per cent; from 1913-1937 an increase per head in meat consumption of 95 per cent, sugar 250 per cent, bread 150 per cent, potatoes 65 per cent. And in 1936 alone, the per capita consumption of clothing rose by 50.8 per cent.

This has been accompanied by a general slash in prices of from 16-25 per cent during the last year and equivalent increases in wages. So much for the News Journal's "figures!" — Workers Correspondence Editor.)

Young Communist League Convention in November To Hear Sec'y Carl Ross

SAN FRANCISCO—A fifteen minute broadcast over the California stations of the Red Network on November 5 will climax the first annual state convention of the Young Communist League according to an announcement from state offices of the League.

The proposed broadcast will feature Carl Ross, national secretary of the League, who will be the principal guest speaker at the convention.

The convention is to be held in Los Angeles Nov. 5, 6, and 7th.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

YOUTH BRANCHES MUST BE YOUTH SOCIAL CENTERS

By BEN DOBBS

State Administrative Secretary, California
Young Communist League

Gil Green, president of our League, in explaining what is meant by a good branch, said, "A good branch of the YCL is not only one which has friendly relations with the organizations of youth in its neighborhood, but also one which has its own headquarters, its own athletic and social equipment, its own library and its own educational program and classes."

How many of our branches today resemble this as we approach our November Convention? Not many.

True, we have made many steps, especially where this ideal has been taken seriously, to make the branches resemble this. The Lincoln Steffens Branch, the Jack London Branch, the Hom Mooney Branch and others have taken the first steps in this direction. They have begun to bring forward their branches as the leader of the youth in the neighborhoods.

Branches Must React

There is one thing that is very decidedly being pushed into the background. That is the question of having the YCL react to all issues facing the youth. We have some examples where the YCL has reacted to such issues. This always results in the growth in size and prestige of the YCL.

The main thing we want to bring out is that more than ever the branches, themselves, must react to these issues, so that they can become firmly rooted in their neighborhood. How can a branch "have good relations with the organizations around it" if they are not constantly on the lookout for issues to rally the youth?

A Convention Problem

Our convention must look into this problem if we are to keep pace with the already splendid development of some branches. Along this line, we must also point out that too few of the branches afford adequate avenues to satisfy the manifold needs and interests of the young people.

We are certain that if this question is taken seriously, given thought and attention, we can move much faster towards creating an organization that can through EDUCATION—RECREATION—ACTION—Educate the youth in the "spirit of Socialism."

Labor Rallies Succeed

The last few weeks have seen some of the best activity of the YCL. Each county had meetings which explained to the youth our program of "service to the labor movement." Most of the meetings were highly successful.

Alameda County broke the ice with a crash and had a meeting and dance which was attended by 450 young people, AND 20 OF THEM JOINED THE LEAGUE. Los Angeles had a number of meetings: Hollywood branches united for one meeting and had an attendance of 250. The Eastside branches attracted 300, Downtown had 70.

The best work was done by the Pancho Villa Branch in Belvedere that arranged a meeting with 200 youth.

Significantly, all of these meetings were attended by about ten times more outside youth than YCL'ers. Activities of this kind show the way to get outside of ourselves.

"Beyond the Horizon" Has a Ruthless Punch

"Things got worse," is the simple explanation which "Ruth Atkins" in Eugene O'Neill's "Beyond the Horizon," gives for the grinding poverty she and her husband experience on their small eastern farm. While this production, now on a three-week run by the Federal Theatre Players in the San Francisco Alcazar Theatre, is not a social drama in the accepted sense, it realistically reveals the stifling backwardness of farm life in America.

The leading character, "Robert Mayo," is played by Leon Forbes, who makes convincing the farmer boy with a smack of education who has a fierce desire to sail beyond the horizon to experience those exotic places he has read about. With O'Neill's ruthlessness, however, he marries the girl on the adjoining farm, "Ruth Atkins" (Grace Cooper), and is tied to the farm for eight heart-breaking years that kill him bit by bit.

None Escape

His brother, "Andrew Mayo," is given a splendid presentation by Crawford Perks. He gives the slow ploughing Andrew a vitality and strength that far outshines the other characters. Andrew loves the land and the life that he can create on it and he wants to be a farmer—not an ordinary farmer, however, but one with the slickest farm in the county. But he, too, is frustrated both in his love for Ruth and the farm and is forced to ship out with his Uncle Dick to escape an unbearable situation. But of course O'Neill does not let him escape entirely.

Excellent backing is given the leads by Rupert Drum and Ruth Saville, playing the old parents of the two boys, and by Edna Ellsmere, who presents the widowed mother of Ruth. Much needed comedy relief is afforded by J. R. Northcutt, playing Captain Dick Scott, who is the uncle of the boys.

In general, this first night production (Sept. 28) was eminently successful and again for the hundredth time proves the right of the Federal Theatre to exist. For here is a first class play presented at prices as low as 25c (and entirely free to WPA and NYA workers who come on Tuesday night). Only through such prices are the majority of contemporary Americans going to become familiar with the legitimate stage.

—C. D.

CIO ASKS U. S. AID AS 'GOONS' BEAT WORKERS

Complaint Shows Hynes Cops Aid Hatchet-Men In L. A. Attacks

(Continued from Page 1) ing workers during the lunch hour, related O'Connor, shouting threats to kill them if they returned, the mob kicked and beat the two union men into unconsciousness, said O'Connor. Rabinowitz was slugged when he protested.

After the attack, two police strolled calmly on the scene wondering "what's going on here."

Cops Condone Terror
"We can get no protection from Los Angeles city or county law enforcement agencies," declared Robertson.

In another case, two boys, Jack Crowell, 17 and Owen Haley, 18, were savagely beaten near the Northrup Aircraft plant in El Segundo.

The third outrage took place in Santa Monica near the Douglas Aircraft plant. Matthew Vidaver and Edward F. Wilson were dragged out of their car by "goons" and set upon with murderous fury.

Injured Again
Vidaver was on crutches at the time of the attack, recovering from an earlier beating from Teamster officials "goons" during a siege of terror at the Zellerbach Paper Co. This time he was kicked in the chest and had several ribs fractured. He is in Santa Monica Hospital in a serious condition.

From his hospital bed, Mandernach declared: "Yesterday I asked Capt. Williams (Red) Hynes for police protection as employees in the plant had been threatened with violence. Hynes told me to get some signatures of men who wanted police protection. I went out and got signatures of 51 men."

"Today we had just finished talking with the workers in their lunch hour, when a gang entered the establishment. One of them grabbed me around the waist. In spite of protests by Ralph W. Gold, owner of the plant, I was pushed outside, where the 'goons' were waiting. Then they all swarmed around me, knocked me down and began to kick me."

CIO officials and the men injured in the Santa Monica and El Segundo assaults all declared police and deputy sheriffs stood by and watched the slugging without coming to the aid of the victims.

Firemen Continue House Cleaning

SAN FRANCISCO—After the ousted reactionary clique attempt to put a firecracker under the new progressive leadership fizzled out, the Marine Firemen's headquarters branch staged another house-cleaning last Thursday night at its regular meeting.

Removed as delegates to the Central Labor Council were J. E. Ferguson, discredited ex-secretary, Follett, McLaren, O'Neil and Evans. In place of them were elected progressives, Kay, Wortz, Stack, Fitzgerald and Potter. McLaren and O'Neil were also removed as delegates to the Maritime District Council No. 2, and replaced by Stack and Yates, with Dolan as alternate.

Found Out Ferguson
The week prior to the meeting, V. J. Malone and B. J. O'Sullivan, members of Ferguson's clique, went to Northwest ports, postponed regular business meetings, and held a special meeting to mobilize rank and file to come to headquarters.

About 75 to 100 rank and file came, but when they found out what Ferguson and his clique had been up to, the majority of them either left the meeting in disgust or voted with the progressives.

Ferguson Guilty
The investigating committee reported Ferguson was "guilty beyond all possible doubt" of picking an MPOW meeting with about 100 non-members and of conspiring to put across policies detrimental to the union.

The committee presented affidavits the non-members were instructed by Ferguson to vote for Malone for chairman, and recommended Ferguson be put on trial. Charges are to be posted for two weeks.

The meeting reinstated Walter Stack, who had been suspended several months ago for stating: "Lundberg and Ferguson are phoney."

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On to the Repeal Of the C. S. Law

Appeals Court Decision a Great Victory for Civil Liberties, Blow at Reaction

(Statement of California State Committee, Communist Party, U. S. A.)

THE DECISION of the Third District Court of Appeals at Sacramento, in reversing the conviction of the defendants in the Criminal Syndicalism cases, after a widespread mass campaign has been conducted on this issue throughout California, is a great victory for civil liberties in California, and a blow at pro-fascist vigilantism and reaction. The employers and big growers of California were determined to outlaw not only the Communist Party, but also every effort to organize the workers and the unemployed, and every exercise of free speech and assemblage. Their aim was to smash the labor movement by suppressing its most active and militant leaders.

But in this they have not succeeded. Since the wave of terrorism following the 1934 maritime and general strike, labor has organized on all fronts, including agriculture. The Communist Party and its press has become stronger and wields greater mass influence. The labor and progressive forces are organizing on the political field for progressive action. The repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism laws in Washington and Oregon, and the U. S. Supreme Court decisions in the DeJonge case and the Angelo Herndon case have established the legality of the Communist Party, and the Party is on the ballot in the state of California.

But the vicious, un-American, anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Law is still on the statute books of California. Fascist-minded police chiefs gathered in the recent conference of the California Peace Officers Association have just advocated the greater use of the Criminal Syndicalism Law to frame up innocent workers in the interests of the open shop employers and big growers. Police Chief Davis of Los Angeles, notorious for his fascist-vigilante record, was the most active advocate of such suppression of labor and civil rights. In the last State Legislature, reactionaries succeeded in killing the repeal of the C. S. Law, although such repeal is desired by the big majority of progressive-minded people in California.

The Criminal Syndicalism Law must be wiped off the statute books of California! That must become the rallying cry of Labor and all the progressive and liberty-loving people of California, between now and the 1938 state elections, in preparation for the repeal of the law in the next State Legislature. On to the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law!

ANITA WHITNEY, State Chairman.
WM. SCHNEIDERMAN, State Secy.

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CIO Solidarity Grows in Calif.

LOS ANGELES—"Our solidarity in steel trades is growing daily and our 10,000 members in California are supporting every CIO battlefront in this area," declared J. G. Thimmes, steel workers organizing committee representative at a CIO district convention attended by 80 steel organizers here.

The convention unanimously adopted a resolution which instructed Ken Hunter, Steel Workers' Organizing Committee local secretary, to send a letter to Mayor Shaw demanding he protect the civil rights of striking Metropolitan Water District workers.

The convention protested against continued use of public money to defeat the strike.

STATE STALLS FREEDOM FOR CS PRISONERS

Three in San Quentin Anxious to Return Into Harness

(Continued from Page 1)

half years and now I want to use it constructively," said Chambers, short and slight, his face wreathed in smiles. Perjured witnesses, stool pigeons and cops had painted him as a terrible ogre at the trial, one who had threatened to turn the streets of Pixley into rivers of blood.

"I want to get back into the harness right away, into Party activity. You know, your enthusiasm for the movement increases with every hardship," said Crane, tall and rangy, blonde with blue eyes. He had been ill. The long stretch behind the bars had left its mark and the pallor of his skin showed it.

"How did you feel when you learned of this decision?"

Two Men—Two Reactions
Both smiled and replied, "What do you think?" Then both elaborated.

Chambers: "My cellmate (a criminal prisoner) is more excited than I. I slept just as well last night as I have before."

Crane: "I am so excited that I can hardly eat or sleep. Now, with freedom so near, this grind is hell."

Different men, different reactions, yet both bound by the common tie of courage and devotion to the working class.

They Learn the News
They had not as yet received official notification of the court decision. The news had come to them through the grape-vine system. Some prisoner had heard over the radio. The word spread.

"I found out about it yesterday afternoon," said Chambers. "I was coming back from work about 4:30, when I saw a group of about fifteen men, all smiles, standing near the building. They broke the news. 'Quit your kidding,' I said. But then I heard it from other sources and believed it. It all came as a big surprise."

Since that time, they had received wires of congratulations. While I was talking to Chambers, a guard handed him a notice that there was another wire for him in the office.

More to Be Done
The decision made its impression upon other prisoners. It increased their respect for the Communist Party and the progressive movement, generally, which had made the victory possible.

More to be done. The C. S. boys know it and even in their hour of joy they did not forget it. The law is still on the statute books and still can be used to send labor organizers behind the bars "by mistake."

Crane had contact with Tom Mooney. Both worked in the prison hospital.

"This thing ought to do a lot for Tom," he said.

Chambers spoke of J. B. McNamara, over in Folsom, whose spirit transcends prison walls and whose name inspires reverence among all labor prisoners.

Things That Endure
It is a long way back to April 1, 1935, when the Sacramento Court, Judge Dal M. Lemmon presiding, pronounced sentence. Some things endure time. Then the three prisoners said:

Pat Chambers: "I, as a member of the Communist Party, who did organize these workers and helped to lead strikes, am proud to say that I go to jail for the reason that these strikes were won, and these workers succeeded for the time being in getting better living conditions."

Martin Wilson: "I am sure that every worker will recognize just what we mean when we say the court used simply as an instrument of oppression."

Jack Crane: "I want to say that the most intelligent act on my part that I ever made was to join the Communist Party."

The loyalty has grown firmer. It was cemented in the struggles that made the Sacramento case, the great agricultural strikes of 1933 that swept California and won concessions for the workers. It was cemented in the Pixley massacre when vigilantes fired point blank into a crowd of agricultural workers, wounding 15 and killing two. It was cemented during the trial in 1935 when the press, the Associated Farmers, the state, stool pigeons and vigilantes howled for the blood of defendants.

The C. S. victims have been wrested from their jailers. The C. S. law remains, peonage in the agricultural fields remains.

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State's Progressives Greet Decision; Urge C. S. Repeal

Los Angeles Leaders See Release As Blow to Reaction

LOS ANGELES—Following on the heels of the complete vindication of the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism prisoners by a decision of the Third District Court of Appeals, scores of prominent, progressive-minded persons greeted enthusiastically the release from prison and parole of the now famous victims of the California Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Said Paul Cline, Los Angeles County secretary of the Communist Party:

"Democracy and civil liberties scores a signal victory with the release of Caroline Decker, Nora Conklin, Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson, Albert Houglard, Jack Crane, Lorene Norman and Normin Mini.

"By the same token, the people of California can breathe more freely in the knowledge that civil rights and, especially, the rights of labor will henceforth be more secure."

"This latest victory over reactionary and repressive laws is largely attributable to the untiring struggle led by the Communist Party and the International Labor Defense.

"Scores of mass meetings have been held and scores of thousands of signatures against the un-American and undemocratic Criminal Syndicalism laws were obtained by these and other progressive organizations.

"This battle against reactionary statutes has been won, but the war is not over. This war for democratic rights, for the rights guaranteed the American people by those grand documents—the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, must be carried forward with ever greater zeal and energy."

"It requires the building of a broad peoples' front of all liberal, all progressive and all labor forces, to the end that in the 1938 elections a progressive administration shall be elected into office."

"The next step of the people of California in securing their democratic rights should be a gigantic campaign aimed to obliterate the infamous Criminal Syndicalism Act."

Labor Defense Statement
LaRue McCormick, secretary of the International Labor Defense here, in a short statement declared, "This great victory will be the catalyst from which will be launched the campaign for repeal of the vicious anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Law."

Attorney Allan Frankel said, "This is splendid news and repays a thousand-fold my efforts towards the repeal of the C. S. Act. This law has been used almost entirely by employers against strikers."

"The youngsters just released were merely union organizers. There was no evidence against them—no overt acts, no threats of violence, or anything else that could be remotely connected with criminal syndicalism. Yet they were convicted and spent nearly three years in prison. Now the law must be killed."

"This is a great victory for the ILD and Leo Gallagher, who defended them, will be gratified when he learns of the releases."

Civil Liberties
Clinton J. Taft, local head of the American Civil Liberties Union:

"A tremendous victory. I had not looked for such a favorable decision. Leo (Gallagher) will be tremendously pleased. Speaking for the executive committee of the Civil Liberties Union, we want to see the C. S. law wiped off the books. This decision should encourage our legislators to start such a movement."

John L. Packard, attorney for the ACLU and well-known labor attorney: "An exceedingly cheering decision. Though I haven't seen the decision, I think it splendid. Any reversal is splendid. The Sacramento Case was an attempt on the part of reactionaries in California to prevent agricultural workers from organizing."

Dr. Frederick Conliffe, outstanding liberal and long-time Epic leader: "I am more than pleased. It is a greater victory

than just victory for the boys and girls. It is a victory for civil liberties. I can't say more for I am overcome with joy."

Speaks for AFL
Albert A. Shank, secretary of the Los Angeles American Federation of Labor Committee for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings: "This victory will spur us on to a greater and more determined struggle to repeal the vicious C. S. Act."

"It is gratifying that mass pressure has reacted on one court in our state to observe judicial laws and making known their decision within the required 90 days from the cases' submission."

"Something of the kind should occur to the State Supreme Court, which has had the Tom Mooney habeas corpus writ under consideration since April 16."

These and similar sentiments were expressed by scores of persons prominent in liberal and labor circles.

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CAROLINE DECKER, one of the defendants, on learning of the decision said: "The decision of the Appellate Court reflects the fact that the judges of the court are beginning to hear the political voice of labor. Further comment must await an analysis of the full opinion of the court."

San Francisco Sees Verdict As Call to Repeal C. S. Law

Leaders in Civic and Labor Fields Stress Need of Continuing Fight Against Reaction

SAN FRANCISCO—Prominent labor and progressive leaders hailed the verdict freeing the C. S. victims as a victory for organized labor.

Their statements were released by the California Conference for Repeal. They follow:

Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein: "I am delighted with the reversal. It restores one's faith in our higher courts. It means that our farm laborers will have a better chance to achieve a decent standard of living and our peasantry to be converted into a respectable citizenry."

ILA Leader
Henry Schmidt, president of ILA 38-79: "The decision in granting freedom to the eight victims of the California criminal syndicalism act will be looked upon by organized labor as a distinct victory. Labor might very well set for itself now the task of cleaning the statute books of the last vestige of this vicious law."

Anita Whitney, state chairman of the Communist Party and one of the first victims of the law: "The decision of the court in reversing the conviction is a victory for civil liberties and will give a tremendous impetus to the widespread sentiment of progressive-minded Americans for the repeal of the criminal syndicalism act. After the repeal of similar laws in the

states of Washington and Oregon and the decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court in the DeJonge case and the Angelo Herndon case, the legality of membership in the Communist Party cannot be challenged."

Elaine Black, vice president of the International Labor Defense: "The International Labor Defense is proud to hail another victory for labor and progressive forces of the State. Nationally the ILD continuously carries on the struggle for labor's constitutional rights. The great victories won this year include freedom granted by the United States Supreme Court to Angelo Herndon and Dirk DeJonge, both convicted under laws similar to the criminal syndicalism act."

Beatrice Kinkead, executive secretary of the Northern California Branch, National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners: "The decision of the court in freeing the Sacramento defendants proves that even the reactionaries are compelled to recognize the growing power of labor and progressive forces. The imprisonment of these union men and women was a disgrace to our state. Their freedom is a victory for progress."

Supervisory Candidate
Herbert Nugent, California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act: "The freedom of these prisoners is the climax of three years of campaigning by the Conference, and is a great victory for labor's rights made possible by the united power of labor and progressive organizations. Our next step is to win repeal of the C. S. Law at the next session of the California Legislature."

Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson, of King City: "At last California justice is beginning to see daylight. I only hope all courts, all legislatures and all branches of government will con-

tinue to uphold the true intent and spirit of the Constitution of California and of the United States and particularly of the Bill of Rights."

George Woolf, executive officer of the United Agriculture, Packing and Allied Workers of America: "Reversal of the decision of the lower courts in the conviction of the criminal syndicalism victims marks another epoch-making victory for the organized labor movement. The constant battle that labor has waged for the freedom of these workers, whose only crime was to organize the workers in the cannery and agricultural fields in California should make labor proud of its achievement. These workers are once more free to organize the exploited."

A mass meeting celebrating the reversal of the conviction and the release of the prisoners will be held at a date to be announced later. It will be under the auspices of a number of labor and progressive organizations.

Protest Frame-Up Arrest of Leader Of Newsies' Union

OAKLAND—A call for all labor organizations to protest the arrest of Chester Baker, secretary of the CIO News Vendors' Union Local 335, on frame-up charges of robbery, was issued last Thursday by Joe McDonald, acting secretary of the union.

Baker was arrested Sunday, September 26, and held on \$1000 bail, which the Intl. Labor Defense of Alameda County is endeavoring to raise.

"Please ask all workers and their organizations to protest this rank anti-labor frameup to District Attorney Earl Warren," McDonald told the Western Worker.

Local 335 has been on strike since last May.

Anti-War Speaker On Radio in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—The first of a regular series of broadcasts sponsored by the American League Against War and Fascism will be heard over KFVD on Thursday, Oct. 7.

Bert Leach, State Organizer of the League will speak on "The Struggle for Peace." The broadcast will be heard on the program of the American Progressive Forum of the Air.

WALGREEN STRIKE OVER

OAKLAND—The Culinary Union has settled its strike against the Walgreen Drug Co., which has dismissed two injunction actions.

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FORCED LABOR CAMPS WILL BE ORGANIZED

Worker Tells Experiences In Southern California Relief Camps

By a Worker Correspondent
BIG TUJUNGA CAMP, Los Angeles County—I am one of the many single men on state relief, who through no fault of their own have been forced into these labor camps, by an ultimatum from the relief bureaucrats, which in effect is a policy of accept or starve.

Promises of good food, wages and clothing from the skin out, fall from the lips of these relief flunkies, many of whom are too dumb to realize they, too, are workers like us, but who prefer to serve their masters and receive their 30 pieces of silver for the betrayal of the destitute and impoverished workers of their own class.

Driven Like Cattle
After a worker has been browbeaten into accepting a work order in a camp, he is taken to see a doctor, where he is given a hit or miss medical examination. In most cases, due to long privation, he is given a physical rating under classification "C," which means he is to be assigned only to light work.

In my case and in many others that I observed, we were taken directly from the doctor's office, loaded into a truck and driven like cattle to Alondra Park, which is the intake station from which the workers are sent to any one of several camps, providing they are able to pass another physical examination, given immediately upon arrival.

Health "Improves"
In my case, I rated a "B-1" classification, in spite of the "C" rating in Los Angeles. No doubt if I could have gotten just one more examination by these "doctors" my health would have been completely restored, but I was not.

It is beyond my ability to recount all those torturous hours of standing in line to eat, bathe, accept numbers, sign this and that, and waiting for idiotic interviews by some flunky or other.

My name was eventually called among others, to be transferred to Pacoima Camp to work on construction—30 hours a week for \$10 per month and found. We were told conditions were much better there than at Alondra Park, but when we arrived at Pacoima we found it to be as bad as Alondra.

Overworked
I won't forget the one day I worked there before I was transferred to Camp Tujunga. I weigh 128 pounds and I had to wrestle heavy rolls of roofing paper all afternoon for my beans.

Nor will I forget my last breakfast there. It consisted of half a slice of sausage, one small bowl of cornflakes and only a chemist could identify the drink as being either tea or coffee.

But we were assured that Camp Tujunga was different, and so it was. The cook, who is a good one, attempted to uphold the honor of his profession and remove some of the wrinkles from our stomachs that the belly robbers at Alondra and Pacoima had put there. He shot the works for our first supper and when we finished he had practically nothing left for his pains but our good will, some dirty dishes and an empty pantry, not to mention the bosses' curses for his indiscretion.

Denied Food
However, we have paid through the stomach for this food. For in the past week the bosses have seen to it that no bread, potatoes and other essentials have been available.

Most of the men are still wearing their own clothes and the promised clothing "from the skin out" has proved to be just a hoax. Nor have I seen so much as one worker who has been supplied with sufficient clothes.

The one day I worked in the warehouse at Pacoima gave me the opportunity to see that most all the articles needed by the men are there and available if the camp bureaucrats cared to give it out.

Will Be More Biting
The psychology used by the lackeys of the ruling class in these camps on the workers is the same as that used by a master on his dog. He takes a bone and makes the dog bark for it.

But from the rumors I've heard among the boys, there is soon going to be less barking and more biting. For we are getting organization conscious and pay day will see the ranks of the Workers Alliance filled with some more good militant brothers.

We don't like these fascist-type, forced labor camps and we don't like the suppression of our constitutional rights, to the point where we have to beg permission from some moron to get a so called liberty card to visit our families.

Yours for a DAILY WESTERN WORKER and a real American

Worker Exposes Lodi Jim-Crow

By an Agricultural Worker
LODI, San Joaquin County—It has been called to my attention that the police department of Lodi will not let Negro workers stay in town when they come in to look for work. The police stop them on the street and tell them they will have to leave town by night.

I know this is true because I saw it myself. I do not know what "reasons" the cops have, but I think this thing should be taken up, and the cops made to stop this rank discrimination and Jim-Crowism. Lodi is "noted" as the home of the vigilante Col. Walter Garrison, head of the Associated "Farmers."

I am a member of the CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America, which takes a firm stand against any discrimination whatsoever.

CAB DRIVER WANTS FIGHT TO REPEAL THE SACRAMENTO LAW

Cops Enforce Anti-Labor Rules Against Taxi Workers

By a Taxi Driver
SACRAMENTO—I would like the public to know what we cab drivers are having to contend with here in this city.

According to a new ruling recently passed by the city council, anyone wanting to do taxi driving must appear before the police department for examination and to get a permit before he can be hired. This examination consists of finger-printing, mugging, and furnishing character references.

You also have to take a physical examination, listen to a lecture by the police chief and go through a lot of red tape in order to get a cheap paying job.

I would like to tell of two cases in which the cavers' permits were revoked. These drivers were already working when this city ordinance was passed.

Discrimination
One case was discrimination against a foreign born worker whose permit was revoked because he had not secured his second papers for citizenship.

Another case that I know of was that of a driver who got his permit, only to have it revoked about a week later because of a minor offense many years before. There have been other revocations, but I haven't the facts.

Our Taxi Local is affiliated with the reactionary Teamsters Union. They don't seem to be making any attempt in behalf of us drivers against this unjust city ordinance. This ordinance in question is not a state law, therefore I believe it is unconstitutional.

Insecurity
There is a constant feeling of insecurity in our jobs among us cab drivers. I am driving for 30 cents an hour and have to support a family on that meagre wage.

Some of us rank and filers are working on a plan to remedy this bad situation. Any suggestions that you may have to offer through the columns of your paper will be greatly appreciated.

(NOTE—I would suggest you try to get your union local on record against this ordinance through a resolution, sending copies to the Central Labor Council and all other local unions; a committee to the city council, with as broad a representation as possible, should demand repeal of the ordinance. Other ideas can undoubtedly be developed if the rank and filers confer with other progressive trade unionist in Sacramento.—Workers' Correspondence Ed.)

Cites Webster On "Radicals"

By a Worker Correspondent
VISALIA, Tulare County—The meaning of the word radical as described by Webster is: "From the root, or original," which means fundamental, basic, and is a proper name for a progressive human that is interested in the welfare of his country and is only opposed by the conservative, described by Webster as one who preserves what he has in the present state, not permitting any change.

A radical looks into the future, a conservative into the past. Which will benefit our children most?

democracy.
P. S.—Could you publish a list of organizations or legislative representatives who might be interested in fighting conditions in these camps?

(NOTE—I suggest you contact the CIO Industrial Council in Los Angeles, with the help of the Workers Alliance, and also the People's Lobby, 426 Mount Washington Drive, Los Angeles.—Workers' Correspondence Editor)

ALASKA UNION IN SUPPORT OF LONGSHOREMEN

Condemned AFL Officials For Blockade on Waterfront

By an Alaska Canner
SAN FRANCISCO—Will you please publish the enclosed letter to the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union in your next issue of the Western Worker, in accordance with a request of our member at the last membership meeting of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union:

Dear Sirs and Brothers:
We are happy to announce that at our last regular membership meeting the following motion was unanimously adopted:

Pledge Support to ILWU
Realizing that in the present controversy between the officials of the Intl. Brotherhood of Teamsters and the members of the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, the Longshoremen and Warehousemen are struggling to preserve unity among all members of organized labor and the members of the Maritime Federation in particular; and realizing that this attack upon the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union is an attempt to break the unity of the Maritime Federation, we, the members of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, Local 20195, pledge our support, morally, physically and financially to our brothers in the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union. And further we pledge ourselves not to respect any picket line which is not established against the employer class and in the interest of the organized labor movement.

Condemn AFL Officials
We make this pledge, not in condemnation of the rank and file of the Intl. Brotherhood of Teamsters, but in condemnation of the officials of that union; William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, the Executive Board of the American Federation of Labor, and President Tobin, international president of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, who have sought by coercion and intimidation to destroy a democratic organization which has honestly organized the workers in its industry for the benefit of all concerned.

Copies of this letter are being sent to the Voice of the Federation, the local press, and to all organizations mentioned herein. With every wish for your success, and with greetings of solidarity to your members, we are

Fraternally,
GEORGE WOOLF,
President.
JACK BEROLLA,
Secretary.

**Northrop Aircraft
Strike Supported
By Inglewood C.P.**

By a Worker Correspondent
INGLEWOOD, Los Angeles County—Enclosed find a copy of a leaflet on the Northrop Aircraft strike, and the efforts of Mayor Darby to force an open shop in the Northrop plant by forming his own "Labor Relations Board."

Issued by the 46th Assembly District Branch of the Communist Party, the leaflet is headed: "Darby's Inglewood Labor Relations Board (Inc.); Born September 23, 1937; Died September 24, 1937; Rites, Date Unknown."

It states: "We have no connection with this strike, no desire whatever to 'control' this or any other union. We do, however, hail with our warmest greetings, the United Auto Workers of America."

"These heroic strikers need and certainly deserve the strongest support of the voters and citizens of this community."

Every "Western" Reader Be a "Western" Staff Member!

By a Worker Correspondent

'Great Men'
ANDREW MELLON
(1855-1937)

By a Worker Correspondent

According to the tales we're told,

The streets of heaven are paved with gold.

But now that Andrew Mellon's dead

Expect great changes overhead;

Our shrewd old Andy will make things hum,

Replacing gold with aluminum.

Oh what a heavenly place to be,

Just him and God and monopoly.

—DAVE WILLIAM.

On the Trail of the Sneezel!



LABORATORY TECHNICIAN A. W. Barry gives allergy skin tests to Alberta Wilk and Lois Luth, Detroit girls, in a study to determine cures for hay fever

POTASH COMPANY'S ANTI-UNION FIGHT SINKS TO NEW LOW

Trona Workers Refuse to Be 'Bought Off'; Join CIO

By a Worker Correspondent
TRONA, San Bernardino County—The American Potash and Chemical Co. is again attempting to frustrate justice by trying to bribe the 19 men ordered reinstated by the National Labor Relations Board.

Mr. Robinson of the Trona Co. is visiting each man individually with a promise of a "hand-some cash settlement" for the men who will resign their jobs immediately on being reinstated.

In collaboration with American Federation of Labor officials, the company previously attempted to "buy off" the 19 union men.

"Pedro Pete"
One A. H. "Pedro Pete" Peterson, an AFL racketeer, was turned down cold when he approached the men to "sell out" to the company. Mr. Simpson of the American Potash and Chemical Co. admitted conferring with Peterson, but denied complicity in the bribery plot.

This interesting struggle to improve their conditions started about two years ago. Confronted by a company union which served only to protect the interests of the employer, these workers realized the necessity for a bona-fide labor union. Having witnessed the futility of negotiating with the company through frightened committee men, who might be fired for their impudence, they turned to the AFL.

On receiving their charter, 19 of the men were discharged. This group went to the agencies of justice for defense of their constitutional rights. Being thus placed on the spot, the company and the AFL officials collaborated in squashing the charges.

Aware of the fact that they were being sold out by their own AFL representatives, the men turned to the CIO where every able and legal assistance was placed at their disposal. With this willing and capable cooperation, the case was fought through to a successful conclusion.

A charter of the Intl. Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, CIO affiliate, has been granted to the employees of the American Potash & Chemical Co., who have stood by these courageous men who have fought this battle for workers' rights.

With the untold support of the powerful Committee for Industrial Organization, standing behind them, there can be but one ultimate conclusion.

The Local will be known as the Alkaline Salt Workers Local 414.

EAST BAY STEEL VICTORY
OAKLAND—East Bay Machinists Steel Workers Local 1798, CIO, announced a closed-shop contract with the Rollaway Window Screen Co. in Berkeley, granting pay increases and the 40-hour week.

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO—Mr. Randy Hearst announced recently that he is going to distribute free poison. His Sunday Magazine, a supplement to his corrupt Sunday Examiner is also going to be distributed Sundays with his stinking sheets: Buffalo Courier-Express, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Houston Post, Minneapolis Journal, Nashville Tennessean and the Wichita Beacon.

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Typical Hearst Rot
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Randy just wants the workers to fold their arms and cower to be progressive. Why fight for your children's future, for your grand children's future? They are going to benefit, not you. So why suffer for them? That's what Randy Hearst wants the workers to do—fold their arms and take what the racketeering employing class wants to give them.

Workers Not Fooled
Mr. Randy Hearst did not fool the American workers or those of any other country because these workers happen to know that the Soviet Union which comprises one sixth of the earth, is already a socialist state!

Expose Atolia Company Union

By a Worker Correspondent
ATOLIA, San Bernardino County—At an informal hearing held September 16 in the offices of the Atolia Mining Co., Maurice Howard of the National Labor Relations Board exposed the Atolia Employees Assn.

A four-hour session, during which time bosses and employees were questioned, brought out damaging evidence against the so-called union. Employees not present at the hearing were questioned later further substantiating the charges of company domination.

Workers were enrolled in the association on the alleged promise of receiving a raise in wages. If the membership in the association dropped below a certain figure, it was stated, the raise was to be taken back. Many other facts pointed toward unfair labor practices.

Members of the Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers preferring the charges, have applied for a charter for the Atolia and Randsburg districts.

TRONA CO. HAS A 'CHANGE OF HEART'

Quits Damning AFL in Its Fight Against the CIO

By a Worker Correspondent
TRONA, San Bernardino County—The American Potash and Chemical Co.'s distaste for the American Federation of Labor has changed, if one is to believe the Trona newspaper.

The ACWA, news-organ, has in the past carried the company's views on "outside organizations."

It seems the newspaper has ceased damning the AFL with the view to using it as protection from the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Unsuccessful in cramping a company union down the throats of the workers, they will probably resort to the obvious course, a company union with an AFL charter.

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Gun Incident Shows How AFL Heads Rule

SPOONER IS CZAR IN COOKS' UNION MEETING

Trumps-up Charge Against Progressive Leader In Cooks Local

By NAT YANISH
OAKLAND—To many union men, this portrayal of Culinary Union Local 31, as run by "Fuhrer" William Spooner, will prove to be a review of conditions that may exist in his own AFL union. In place of the chinsles Spooner, they may see Charles Real or perhaps "Soak" William Fee.

Why was the rise of the CIO inevitable? What lies behind the AFL officialdom's current drive upon the CIO in a mad attempt to crush it? An examination of some of the methods used by Spooner, a "good" AFL man, will help us understand.

Packed in Stoozes
Culinary Local 31 met in Jenny Lind Hall on Wednesday evening, September 22. The main business was scheduled to be the report of delegates to the infamous Long Beach convention of the State Federation of Labor.

There were 125 new faces in Jenny Lind Hall that night. They were "new members," recruited to take part in the anticipated report. As a rule, new members are required to wait until new business before being allowed to enter the meeting. This night, Spooner requested that, "as a special point of privilege," these 125 be seated at the beginning of the meeting.

This method is not as crude as that employed by J. E. Ferguson, suspended secretary of the Marine Firemen of the Pacific, who corralled 125 misled WPA workers recently for a similar purpose.

Kept Report Off Floor
However, the report of the delegates was not heard that night. At the general membership meeting, Spooner generally follows one of two courses. If his lackeys far outnumber the progressives, he proceeds with the regular order of business, but if the progressives have a good turnout, Spooner tries in every way to prevent major issues from being aired. There being too many progressives in the hall last Wednesday night, Spooner seized upon a lesser issue to prolong the meeting in order to keep the Long Beach report off the floor.

The "lesser" issue was an important test of democracy in the union. Local 31 had voted overwhelmingly in a previous meeting to ENFORCE the closed shop by making it mandatory that T. C.'s (traveling members) be required to wait 30 days after notifying the union before being eligible for work. The measure had been initiated by the progressive Investigating Committee and had thus evoked the opposition of Business Agent Peters and Anderson.

Trumped Up Charge
Peters attempted to knife the measure in executive board and was opposed by Thomas, progressive representative of the Cooks. The board, headed by Spooner, trumped up a charge against Thomas, convicted him and, reporting to the membership, demanded that he be expelled.

Spooner sought to APPOINT a disciplinary committee, which committee would have power to expel. Members from the floor demanded that this committee be elected.

Spooner Raves
It was at this juncture that Spooner pounded his gavel for almost 15 minutes, ruling out of order repeated demands that the committee be elected.

"I'm running the union," Spooner shouted, "and while I'm running it, I'll appoint Committees."

However, Spooner was forced to put the issue to a vote. The packed meeting gave him the right to appoint. With the exception of one new member, Spooner's appointees are all well-known for their allegiance to the Spooner-machine. The fate of Thomas, the progressive, whom they will "try" for calling Business Agent Peters a liar, is in the hands of his reactionary foes.

Stooge Pulled Gun
Peters is No. 1 stooge for Spooner. Peters does the "mopping up" for his boss Spooner—with a 38 caliber Colt automatic. Unlabeled distributing CIO leaflets in front of Jenny Lind Hall last Wednesday night were ordered away by Peters. When the men ignored him, he pulled a gun on them. The CIO men disarmed the gunman and held him for police who did NOT take him into custody.

In the meeting, Peters whined that he was attacked and called for a "finish fight against CIO thugs." Spooner jumped on the bandwagon and "warned" the membership that "hordes" of CIO thugs were "waiting outside to pounce upon" the culinary workers when they left the hall.

It is this unhealthy influence of Green and Vandeleur, Real and Spooner that the CIO is predestined to crush.

"Damn' Phoney," Says S. F. Teamo

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO—The following conversation took place between one of the workers on my job and a "Teamo" neighbor of his.

Worker: "Well, how is your 'strike' coming?"
Teamster: "What do you mean, strike?"

Worker: "What's the trouble?"
Teamo: "Listen—I was out on the picket line and the God damn' boss came out and patted me on the shoulder and said, 'Atta boy, glad to see you on the line, keep it up'—any time the boss pats you on the back there is something damn' phoney going on some place."

POMONA WORKERS STRIKE IN REPLY TO LABOR HATER

Over 200 Walk Out of Tile Plant in Fight for Demands

By a Worker Correspondent
POMONA, Los Angeles County—Striking after months of effort to reach a peaceful agreement with their employer, workers at the Pomona Tile Manufacturing Co. left their jobs and went on picket duty at the plant.

Between 200 and 225 of the approximately 300 employees, were believed on strike.

Labor Hating Boss
W. G. Johnson, vice-president of the company, stubborn union hating boss, said 75 men were being distributed pamphlets entitled "Questions and Answers on CIO" to union members as they arrived to attend the meeting.

A man later identified as Lincoln E. Peters, business agent of Local 31, emerged from the hall and ordered Hipolito to "get the hell away from here."

Pulled Gun
"I'm sorry, but this is a public street and I am not going," replied Hipolito.

"I said you're getting out—now move!" yelled Peters. With the last word he yanked a 38 caliber Colt automatic from a shoulder holster beneath his coat and jammed it into Hipolito's ribs.

Hipolito struck out wildly in self defense, and knocked Peters' gun out of his hand before he could pull the trigger. The weapon clattered to the sidewalk, where it was reclaimed by Tees, who locked it in his automobile, parked nearby.

Peters Grounded
Meanwhile Hipolito and Peters exchanged blows. Hipolito suffering a fracture of the maxillary sinus bone, Hipolito tackled Peters about the knees, bringing him to the ground. Then Hipolito sat on his chest. Sherwin held his legs, while another man ran to call police.

During a ten-minute wait this tableau continued. Peters, helpless but unarmed, lay pinioned on the sidewalk, yelling for someone to "get me out of here." Members of his union poured out of the hall, but were reluctant to come to his aid. Passersby halted and a traffic jam of more than 500 persons resulted.

Stoozes Aided
Finally some of Peters' friends formed a "flying squadron" and succeeded in dragging him away from his captors and into the hall.

Two minutes later Police Inspectors Murphy and Lawson arrived, demanding to be told about the stickup. Informers of what had happened, they turned disgustedly away, and would have left had not witnesses put up a sharp argument, which was clinched when Tees produced the gun. Police examined it and found it was fully loaded, with the safety off and the hammer cocked.

Narrow Escape
"It was only then that my teeth began to rattle," said Hipolito. "I had not realized before what a narrow escape I had had."

Peters was identified by business cards which fell from his pockets during the scuffle, and by statements of members of Local 31 that he was the gunman. He appeared later at his union meeting, claiming to have suffered an injured shoulder. He used the injured member vigorously, however, in a speech declaring his determination for a "finish fight against CIO thugs."

A warrant for his arrest on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon was issued on complaint of Hipolito.

Americans Tour Spain
NEW YORK—The first organized American tourist group to visit Spain since the outbreak of the war, led by Rev. Herman F. Reissig, executive secretary of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, has returned to the U. S. He was accompanied by 10 college professors, trade unionists, newspaper men and social workers.

Potash Company in Trona Is Unable to 'Buy Out' Workers.

GUN DRAWN ON CIO WORKER BY AFL OFFICIAL

Oakland Cops Indifferent But Workers Forced Them to Act

By a Culinary Worker
OAKLAND—"Just another labor dispute," sighed two lackadaisical Oakland police officers when called to investigate the gun-play in front of Jenny Lind Hall, here on September 22, in which the business agent of Local 31, Cooks and Waiters, attempted to shoot a man for distributing CIO literature.

It took impassioned argument and the production of the gun, which during the fracas was seized by CIO adherents, to persuade the officers that they should not call it an evening and go home.

Cops "Weary"
Even after they entered the meeting hall to "search" for the gun-toter, they were unable to find him, and wearily wrote their reports and put the whole thing off until the next day, although their quarry was in the building all the time.

The incident occurred while David C. Hipolito, Floyd Tees, Pat Sherwin and other CIO men were distributing pamphlets entitled "Questions and Answers on CIO" to union members as they arrived to attend the meeting.

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William Z. Foster Shows the Path to Trade Union Unity

CITES FIGURES PROVING THAT MAJORITY OF U. S. LABOR IS SUPPORTING PROGRAM OF CIO

Communist Party Chairman Points Out Steps Toward Unity Convention of AFL, CIO and R. R. Unions

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
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If today the American trade union movement is split, to the great profit and joy of all reactionaries, this is due to the work of a minority of craft unionists, dominated by reactionary AFL trade union bureaucrats. It is a fact, easily demonstrated, that the great majority of organized trade unionists support the CIO program of industrial unionism in the mass production industries and that if their will prevailed the labor movement would be speedily united upon this basis.

Majority Support
Even at the time of the arbitrary suspension of the 10 CIO unions by the AFL executive council in September, 1936, the CIO program definitely had the support of the majority of all organized trade unionists. Let us count and see: First, there were the 900,000 members of the 10 suspended unions; then there were 350,000 more (Woodworkers, 100,000; Typographical, 80,000; Fur Workers, 35,000; Agriculture, 50,000, etc.) in AFL unions which were either then or shortly afterward became affiliated to the CIO; and finally, there was a vast, unorganized rank and file sentiment in the AFL craft unions that was sympathetic to the CIO. It is safe to say, therefore, that even when the CIO suspensions took place the CIO program had behind it the active sympathy of a majority of all organized trade unionists in this country. And the AFL leaders were so acutely aware of this fact that they not only refused to allow the moot question to come to a rank and file vote, but they also did not dare to allow the CIO unions to be represented at the Tampa convention.

Rapidly Increasing
During the suspension of 12 months since the suspension of the CIO has greatly increased the general trade union majority that it had at the outset. Firstly, as a result of its successful organizing campaigns in auto, steel, textile, rubber, etc., it has added huge armies of new recruits to its ranks, so that together with a number of unions that joined it from the AFL, its total membership (Sept. 1937) has now reached 3,718,000 and is rapidly increasing. Moreover, the CIO has also enormously augmented its prestige and support among the AFL craft unions and at present more than likely a majority of the AFL union members would probably vote for the CIO program if they had an opportunity to do so.

Meanwhile, in an effort to defeat the CIO and to keep the AFL as the main trade union center, the craft union leaders are making fantastic claims as to the numerical strength of their organizations. They assert that the AFL is growing so fast that it has not only offset the 1,250,000 workers it had lost to the CIO, but has gained many more. On Labor Day official figures of 3,600,000 were given for the AFL as a whole. Now even on the eve of the CIO's 10th anniversary it shows that the AFL has 100,000 members less than the CIO. But the reality indicates a much greater numerical preponderance in favor of the CIO. Firstly, although many AFL unions are now undoubtedly growing as a result of the great organization spirit developed among the masses by the CIO, it is absurd to say they have grown in the past year the 1,250,000 members necessary to replace the unions that have gone over to the CIO and to raise the total of AFL members from 2,422,398 in Sept. 1936 to 3,600,000 in Sept. 1937. Secondly, from the AFL figures are to be deducted over 100,000 members of CIO unions that are still in the AFL, chiefly the Typographical and Cap Makers Union, as well as about 250,000 more for the AFL unions that have recently joined the CIO. And finally, there must also be counted off the huge masses of craft union members, probably the majority, who are openly sympathetic to the CIO's plan of industrial unions in the mass production industries.

Would Vote Unity
From all these facts the conclusion must be drawn that behind the CIO's program of industrial unionism in the mass production industries stands the great majority of organized workers (not to speak of the widespread support the CIO has among the unorganized). If the matter could be submitted to a referendum vote of the en-

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

IF THE landlord suddenly decided he didn't like the way you part your hair, you could be evicted within three short days in San Francisco, under a law passed by the last State Legislature.

Rather, you could have been evicted, now, thanks to the Committee for Industrial Organization, you can't be.

True to its policy of defending the interests of all workers, the unemployed and the middle-class people, the CIO sent its attorney, Richard Gladstein, into court to attack this law as unconstitutional. Due to the fight put up by the CIO representative, three municipal judges declared the law unconstitutional.

Nice Law—for Landlords

THIS law was sneaked through the State Legislature by the Apartment House Owners' Assn. To see how it would have worked, suppose you wanted some repairs done in your house, flat or apartment and the landlord refused to have them done. Under state law, you can divert one month's rent to the repair of the house.

Then Mr. Landlord could have gone to a friendly judge after having you three days' notice to vacate, put up \$5 bond or another amount at the discretion of the judge, gotten the sheriff to kick you out bag and baggage—and all without you getting a chance to tell your side of the case. Nice law—for landlords and property owning banks.

The old law requires that you be served with papers and given chance to appear—taking about 30 days.

CIO Policy

WHEN the CIO stepped into this case on the side of the people of San Francisco, it was following the precedent set by the CIO throughout the nation.

For example, the United Auto Workers and other CIO unions in Detroit are conducting a determined fight against the exorbitant increase in rents. The CIO is also aiding the farmers in their fight for farm legislation. The CIO is building a front of all the oppressed people against their oppressors—the big corporations, the bankers, the landlords and all other exploiters.

In all its more than 52 years of existence, the American Federation of Labor officials have never shown much interest in the welfare of the 33,000,000 American workers, let alone the interests of labor's friends among the farmers and middle class people. These "leaders" left the overwhelming majority of the working class entirely without union organization.

Today the CIO is moving swiftly forward to organize ALL workers into unions for better conditions, and is extending the hand of friendship and cooperation to all labor's friends, to the end that a better life may be won by the American masses.

Can you wonder that such a policy is succeeding?

NEW CIO LABOR HALL
LA CROSSE, Wis.—The CIO unions here, with a membership of 3000, have bought their own building, Pioneer Labor Hall, a three-story structure including an auditorium seating 2000.

PLAN NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR FIVE HAYMARKET VICTIMS ON NOVEMBER 11

(ILD Press Release)

In conjunction with leading CIO and AFL unionists, the "Labor Defender" is sponsoring a nationwide memorial in November to mark the 50th anniversary of the martyrdom of the five Haymarket victims, who were hanged in Chicago on November 11, 1887.

Five great men lost their lives at that time in the struggle for the eight hour day. They were Albert Parsons, August Spies, Adolf Fischer, Louis Lingg and George Engel.

Services in Chicago

On November 11, memorial services will be held at Haymarket Monument, Chicago, endorsed by the Chicago Federation of Labor with the support of the ILD. Flowers and laurel wreaths are being contributed by labor throughout the nation to be placed on the monument.

The committee aims to smother the monument with 10,000 flowers and a mountain of laurel wreaths. The national committee consists of Max Bedacht, Intl.

BUZZELL FAILS TO WRECK L.A. NEWS GUILD

80 Newshawks Walk Out On AFL Dual Union Attempt in South

LOS ANGELES — The well-known Buzzell steamroller, opposition-crusher in the AFL Central Labor Council, backed here and rolled nearly a hundred newspaper men and women out of the Labor Temple, Buzzell's stronghold.

Following up his threat to begin organizing editorial workers into the dual newspaper union recently set up by American Federation of Labor heads, J.W. Buzzell, working with connivance of officials of local Hearst papers, called the meeting in an attempt to induce organized newspaper workers to abandon the CIO American Newspaper Guild.

Over 80 Walk Out

How little success he had was indicated when, to avoid embarrassing questions, he was forced to rule against debate from the floor. Shortly after, he ordered all dissenters to leave the hall, and more than 80 persons complied with his suggestion.

Only a handful remained to meet with the Central Labor Council executive board for the purpose of putting into operation the dual AFL union.

Expose Stodge

Dramatic moments of the meeting were when Slim Connolly, labor reporter on the Hearst-owned Herald-Express, declared to Buzzell that he would not leave the Labor Temple until he was thrown out. Buzzell informed him that if that was his attitude, he would be thrown out.

The other occurred when Ussel Daniels who, the Guild charges, was recently fired from the Hearst Examiner for union activity, exposed Pearl Gross, now employed by the Examiner, as a Buzzell stool pigeon.

It was pointed out that this is, the same Pearl Gross who drew the contempt of newspaper workers throughout the country when she went to Seattle to help break the Post-Intelligencer strike a year ago.

Scabbard in Seattle

At the same time, Sam Sansoni, also employed by Hearst and a Buzzell henchman, was accused of another Post-Intelligencer strikebreaker.

Meanwhile, the L. A. Newspaper Guild called a special meeting, reaffirmed its allegiance to the CIO and voted to file charges with the Labor Relations Board against the Examiner for fostering a company union and for firing two persons for union activity, as well as to request that the Labor Board conduct an immediate election in the Examiner to determine which union shall be the representative of the workers there.

Seek Unity

It also elected a committee to work towards an alliance with the Allied Printing Trades Council, on the basis of mutual assistance.

It was recalled that a week ago, when a negotiating committee called on the Examiner management, a letter signed by the secretary of the Printing Trades Council was read and which warned officials against signing a contract with any organization connected with the CIO.

Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?



HAVING MADE plenty of trouble for their countries and the world before they were put on the skids, these three ex-rulers meet in exile at Ouchy, Switzerland. Left to right, former King Alfonso of Spain, former Queen Amelie of Portugal, and ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria. All took time to pack before they left, so they find unemployment not so tough.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNION LEAVES AFL TO JOIN WITH CIO

Los Angeles County Employees Vote 94 per Cent for Change

LOS ANGELES — The local chapter of the American Federation of County employees, long dissatisfied with unsatisfactory gains under AFL leadership, has voted overwhelmingly for CIO affiliation.

The CIO victory, won by a 94 per cent vote, makes the union a part of the State, County & Municipal Workers Union.

Want Militant Program

Public employees greeted coldly what they termed the "week-kneed" policy of certain officials who recently declared that "the strike is ineffective so far as public employees are concerned."

Rank and file members demanded a more militant organizational program and cited the very mild requests for pay increases at the General Hospital. They likewise attacked the "no strike" means advocated by certain leaders in protest against deficient civil service provisions.

CIO Steel Union to Hold Convention

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—An international convention of union steel workers which will bring together delegates from more than 100 lodges established in the steel industry since the organizing campaign began in July 1936, will be held here late in November or early in December, announced Chairman Philip Murray of the CIO Steel Workers' Organizing Committee.

Convention questions will include drafting of a board policy for guidance of both the international office and local lodges, and negotiating new contracts with the hundreds of companies which have agreements with the union due to expire next February 28.

Over 400 steel manufacturing, fabricating and processing firms covering approximately 500,000 workers, are under contract with the SWOC at present.

Disbarment Threats Against CIO Lawyer

WASHINGTON — Intimidation of labor's lawyers is the new trick being tried in the drive against unions, according to the National Lawyers' Guild.

In Portsmouth, O., a member of the guild's executive council, Edw. Lamb of Toledo, was retained by the United Shoe Workers to contest an injunction suit brought by the Williams Manufacturing Co. during the course of a strike, the guild said. Because of Lamb's vigorous defense of the union, Judge Wm. R. White appointed a committee of three attorneys to see if charges leading to disbarment could not be brought against Lamb.

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Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

ON THE waterfront now they're saying that "either you go with the Communist Party or you follow the phonies." I believe the phrase originated with the Firemen who recently had a swell exhibition of real phonies in action. Anyway, I think it's a good phrase and has plenty of justification.

It shows that the line between the Communists and other progressives on the one hand, and the 57 varieties of phonies, reactionaries and Trotskyites on the other, is sharply drawn.

During the years since the 1934 strike the Communist Party policy has been proved correct.

For instance, it was the Communists who advocated rank and file strike committees and unity between Longshoremen and Seamen in 1934. That's a correct policy, or wasn't it? Then too, the Communists were the first to call for a general strike. And it was the general strike that brought the employers to their knees and made possible the union controlled hiring halls and all the rest of the 1934 gains.

Oust Sharenberg

THE Communists were the first to advocate the ousting of Paul Sharenberg. During the time Sharenberg was under fire, it was the Communist press—the Western Worker—that gave truthful and voluminous publicity to the struggle. Sharenberg realized this and he never lost an opportunity to turn to the Western Worker and the Communists.

The Communist Party was solidly behind the move to establish the Maritime Federation of the Pacific. The Communist Party fought, moreover, to set up a real democratic federation wherein the rank and file membership would have the final say on all questions of policy.

During the time of the ill-fated steam schooner strike it was the Communist Party that fought against undisciplined "job-action"—and incidentally incurred the undying hatred of Harry Lundeberg for doing so.

Well, Harry—who was right? In 1936-37 the Communist Party fought to establish a joint publicity committee for the strike. The publicity committee was established, despite organized opposition from certain groups, and who can deny that it was a big influence in winning public opinion to our side?

During that strike we also fought for unity. The Western Worker carried no such headlines as "STRIKE END LOOMS." The Communist Party—and a majority of the Federation membership—realized the danger of one union signing an agreement until all demands had been granted or adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Was that common sense—or wasn't it?

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BOOM MEN 90% FOR CIO, EARLY VOTING SHOWS

Woodworkers Report Big Gains Throughout All Northwest Areas

SEATTLE — The Boom-men's Northwest District Council, now voting on affiliation with the Intl. Woodworkers of America is showing an almost 90 per cent ballot in favor of affiliation with the CIO.

The Boom-men's recent convention in Port Angeles, Washington, elected a delegation to interview the IWA international officers. Receiving satisfactory answers to their questions, the delegates reported back and the referendum followed. The Tacoma Boom-men's Local has voted 10 to 1 for the IWA; the Aberdeen local about 7 to 1.

Solidarity in CIO

SEATTLE — Homer Martin, President of the powerful CIO United Automobile Workers of America, has wired O. M. Orton, Intl. Woodworkers first vice-president, assuring the IWA that the auto workers will do everything possible to support the Woodworkers in using CIO plywood and veneer in concerns where UAW members work.

NEW YORK—Formation of a Woodworkers Council for New York took place at a conference Saturday, September 25. Both AFL and CIO locals participated in the conference.

EVERETT, Wash.—The Pulp and Sulphite Workers local, affiliated with the AFL, has given its backing to the IWA and will not at any time refuse to handle CIO products.

Pritchett Flays Dore

PORTLAND, Ore.—The vicious attack by Seattle's Mayor Dore on the CIO and the Intl. Woodworkers of America, made at an AFL mass meeting here, drew a hot reply from Harold Pritchett, IWA international president.

Dore had referred to "aliens" leading the CIO and IWA and trying to run Seattle and Portland, to which Pritchett replied that aliens are not trying to run either city, but that "workers insist that these mayors desist from running these cities on the constitution of the AFL."

Pritchett referred to Dore's subservience to Teamsters' Czar Dave Beck.

Anti-Union Pamphlet Fakes WW Articles

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut—Robert W. Dunn, Executive Secretary of Labor Research Assn., has filed claim with his attorneys for a \$1,000 judgment against the Constitutional Educational League which published the notorious anti-union pamphlet, "Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America."

The pamphlet, written by Joseph P. Kamp, noted fascist and strikebreaker, stated that \$1000 reward would be paid anyone proving any "charge" made in the pamphlet to be false. Dunn's complaint, backed by affidavits, listed 20 falsehoods and errors of fact.

Chief among the deliberate falsifications is a "Labor's Honor Roll for the New Year," including the name of John L. Lewis, published last January in the Western Worker. In the pamphlet this honor roll was faked to read "Communist Honor Roll 1937" and decorated with the hammer and sickle, which the original did not contain.

Fight Dictatorship in AFL Cannery Union

MONTEREY — Dictatorship policies of Business Agent Frank Roland of Local 20986, AFL Cannery Workers Union, came in for sharp rank and file criticism here this week.

Roland has declared that no meeting of the Local will be held for some time. Rank and file members have demanded the right to meet, but on all occasions when they attempted to gather, Roland has refused to unlock the hall or to be present with books and records.

The union is one of Vandenberg's company unions.

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